

Vanderbilt
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 8, 2022
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to Vanderbilt! We rejoice that you are here to worship God with us.

Children are important members of our faith community and are welcome in worship. Nursery ministry is also available. Please ask an usher if assistance is needed. As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the service. The asterisk (*) in the bulletin indicates that the congregation is asked to stand as able. We use responsive or unison readings and prayers at different times. The leader will read the words in *italics*, the congregation reads words in **bold print**.

Green Friendship Pads - We invite you, members and visitors, to sign our Green Friendship Pads and pass it down your pew and back, to welcome those with whom you are worshipping.

Announcements

Prelude: "Sonata in F Major" (Largo, Vivace)

G. P. Telemann (1681-1767)

Susan Norbeck, *Flute*

* Call to Worship

Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us;

Come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

God awakens us and restores our souls.

Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.

Come to drink from springs of living water.

Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

Surely God will guide our search for truth.

We seek eternal values within our daily walks.

Let us worship God.

1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And listening to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, we look at events around us and cannot perceive you within them. We shed tears and find no comfort. We listen for your voice and are greeted by silence. The world seems full of enemies waiting to devour us. On every hand, there are problems too complicated for us to solve. We live in fear rather than faith. We cry out to you for answers. O God, do you hear us?

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** Gloria Patri**

Henry Greatorex

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

A Moment for Children

Heather Mikes

We invite children to gather up front for a special children's message. After we sing "Jesus Loves Me," children and youth ages PreK-3 through High School may go study, serve, pray and play together during Sunday school.

Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Prayer of Illumination

The First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

arr. David Ferreira

Susan Norbeck, *Flute*

The Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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Message: Sermon Series: *We Are Witnesses*: "A Legacy of Christian Love" The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: "The Twenty-Third Psalm"

arr. Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie. In pastures green, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness e'en for His own name's sake. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill. For Thou art with me and Thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes. My head Thou dost with oil anoint and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Offering

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Hymn #170: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

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| 1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by. | 4. My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows. |
| 2. My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake. | 5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be. |
| 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still. | |

* Commission and Blessing

Go forward from this place as praying, caring people.

Let good works and charity abound.

God's salvation has come to us. Alleluia!

We will praise and honor our God forever and ever.

Alleluia.

Amen.

*** Benediction Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, children all are we; Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace, eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude: "Sonata in F Major" (Allegro)

Telemann

Susan Norbeck, *Flute*

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*

Sue Van Fossen, *Liturgist for virtual worship*

Mary Lynn Myers, *Liturgist for Sunday worship*

Dr. James Cochran, *Director of Music*, playing the **Richard & Patricia Fors Organ** given to the glory of God and in honor of James Cochran, Organist.

Heather Mikes, *Director of Christian Education*

Michele Byrd, *Soprano for virtual worship*

The Chancel Choir, *for Sunday worship*

Julie Carver, *Pianist for Sunday worship*

Susan Norbeck, *Flute*

Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Jan Fern

Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro

(Head Ushers), Greg & Julie Borden, Cherie & David Baines, Doug Dunn, Jane Repp

Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita & Jim Hart

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

May 15: The Fifth Sunday of Easter



First Reading:
Revelations 21:1-6

Second Reading:
Acts 11:1-18

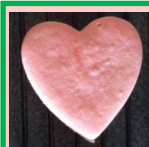
The Rev. Melana Scruggs,
General Presbyter of the
Peace River Presbytery,
Guest Pastor

Sermon:
"New Life in Christ"



The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of Ethel Burlingham Lea and Charlene Muir, our mothers, by Sally and Jim Muir. also

In memory of our mothers, Lillian Myers and Lona Crandall by Mary Lynn and Steve Myers



Our Fellowship Hour treats are given in memory of our mothers by the Bevilacqua and Sciascia Families.

HAPPY
Mother's Day

*You deserve hugs and kisses!
Please grab some chocolates on your way out today and give them to ANY AMAZING WOMEN in your life who have loved, encouraged or inspired you!*

VPC NEWS

The Wholistic Health Team, with the approval of the Session and the support of the Building and Grounds and the Education Teams, has committed to educate ourselves and to help others understand the links between climate, health and prosperity through **Growing Climate Solutions**, an initiative sponsored and funded by the Collier County Community Foundation, the Conservancy of SW Florida, FGCU and the Kapnick Family Foundation. By partnering with **Growing Climate Solutions**, we join a network of local organizations and individuals in supporting and protecting the natural environment, the prosperity and health of our community, and the education and empowerment of all community members. We recognize the importance of engaging, encouraging and supporting solutions in the face of a changing climate and its impacts on SW Florida. To care for Creation is not a political, economic or scientific issue but, first and foremost, a moral responsibility laid before us by God. (from the PCUSA Commitment to Act on Climate Change, adopted in 2018). As we move forward together, we will suggest and encourage sustainable choices that each of us can easily make that will collectively contribute to addressing and lessening the impact of climate challenges.

HELP US CELEBRATE GRADUATES! If you have a senior graduating from high school, college, grad school or beyond, we want to help mark these significant educational milestones. This includes grandchildren! Also, if you have a student moving up from preschool, kindergarten, fifth grade or eighth grade, we need to hear from you, too! Send us a picture and short paragraph including their name, school and grade they are graduating from and the school they are heading to. Please include family information of proud parents, siblings and/or grandparents. Then tell us something fun like a hobby or sport played or a special talent. You could even include a favorite Bible verse! We will honor them on Moving Up **Sunday, June 5**. Please email submissions **by May 21** to Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.



CHICKS WITH STICKS meetings in May are cancelled. Meetings will resume in the fall. Questions? Contact Molly Cochran at mollyknits53@yahoo.com or 757-291-4034. Enjoy your summer break!



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE: We are accepting donations to help the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Program which will send funds where the need is most urgent. Send a check to VPC and put Ukraine in the memo or donate online at www.vpcnaples.org.



HOW CAN SOMEONE RECEIVE CARE FROM A STEPHEN MINISTER? Kay Beernink is our Stephen Leader who coordinates referrals. If you or someone you know could benefit from the one-to-one care of a Stephen Minister, you can talk to her, our pastor, or any of our other Stephen Leaders. Any of our Stephen Ministers would also be happy to help you through the process. See the Stephen Minister bulletin board on the way to Fellowship Hall to see the listing of our Stephen Ministry team that is trained to care for you when in need. We must all be on the Lookout for those in need of the special caring of a Stephen Minister – why are we often so reluctant to ask for help even when it is offered and available?

CAN YOU LEND A HAND? We need more help on the Parish Life Team with our Fellowship Hours after worship on Sunday mornings. We need more helping hands! Please email Leslie Loughran at leslie.loughran@gmail.com if you are interested.





VACATION BIBLE FUN! Volunteers needed! Our Vacation Bible School "Food Truck Party" theme invites kids to get on a roll with God, **July 18-22, 9am-12pm** for students who are four years old by Sept. 1, 2022 through Fifth Grade. Fee is \$25 per student. Few student spots remain. Volunteer opportunities are available for adults, college students, high schoolers & middle schoolers. Children and volunteers, alike, will learn to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met. Email Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6pm in Harp Hall

VLC SPRING CONCERT & GRADUATION: Vanderbilt Learning Center students and their families will celebrate the end of the school year with joyful songs on **May 23 at 6pm** in the Sanctuary. Come see what they've been working on with Dr. Jim. Help us celebrate our preschool and kindergarten graduates!



PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING THE CHANCEL FLOWERS OR FELLOWSHIP HOUR: We have many dates available to sponsor the chancel flowers and Fellowship Hour. You can do so in honor or memory of a loved one or just because you love your church! Contact Barbara Bonavita at 597-5410 to schedule a date.



FINANCIAL UPDATE - OPERATING FUND 2022

	March	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$100,732	\$415,313
Expenses	\$103,238	\$281,718
Deo Mortgage Balance	3/31/2022	\$0



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

If you have a relative or friend in the military, please let the church have their name/address. We think it is important to keep in contact with those who serve our country. Thank you.

ENSIGN Francis Alvares

US Navy, Pensacola, FL
(Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)

MSgt Kristopher Chesslo

USAF
(Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)

LTJG Wyatt R. Dawley

US Navy Intel
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)

LCDR Adam Endrelunas

US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines' son-in-law)

MAJ Allen Fujinaka

US Army
(LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)

CPTN Jennifer Giles

USMC, Philippines
(Mary Giles' granddaughter)

CPTN Jeremy Giles

US Army Special Forces,
Ft. Bragg, NC (Mary Giles' grandson)

COL Jessica D. Grassetti

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

MAJ Robert Gruber, USMC

LT CDR Marjorie Gruber, US Navy
Camp Pendleton, CA
(Bob Gruber son & daughter-in-law)

E-3 Jacob Guzman

US Army—USA
(Cesar Guzman's son)

CPTN Devon Hennessey

Korea (Toni Hubbard)

Nolan Kelly

US Army - Private First Class
Fort Sill, OK

SGT Wesley Kennedy

USMC - Okinawa, Japan

Christian Kurz

US Navy, USS Nitze
(Joyce Geary's great nephew)

LT Kevin McCormick

US Army - USA
(Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)

Austin Schwartz

USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA
(Patricia Schwartz's grandson)

MAJ Matthew Smith,

USMC, Kuwait
(Son of Linda Smith)

1st LT Andrew P. Vadyak

USMC
Okinawa, Japan

Hadley Vadyak

USNA
Class of 2020



Happy Birthday!

*Rich Yovanovich 5/8
 *Leah Ray 5/9
 Harley Ruppert 5/9
 Mary Hart 5/10
 Zachary Woodring 5/10
 Victoria Franklin 5/11
 Karen Chappler 5/12
 Lane Raskauskas 5/12
 Steve Blad 5/14



Happy Anniversary!

Larissa & David Gibson 5/11
 Marian & Bill Cattrell 5/12



*Birthday Club Members

Interested in joining the Club? Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day. The VPC Endowment Team uses the interest income from the Birthday Club exclusively for Youth Activities! Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. If you have any joys and/or concerns, let us know. They are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or friend of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church so they can let us know! Please note that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be submitted.

Margaret Andreason	Dick Creviston	Don Iwaniki	Carol Schwiers
Cynthia Arnold	Ron Davis	Sandra Johnson	Harold Soule
Ron Bartlett	Nancy Diederich	Keira Krumbine	Eric Steiner
Charles Beattie	Marlene Everson	Judy Malone	J. Richard Szeremany
Chris Bertler	Jim & Wealthea Flick	Marilyn McKee	Dr. Al Tatarunius
Alexis Bevan	Jim Fligg	John & Roberta	The Teasdale Family
Peg Black	Jim Folliard	McMaster	Tony & Yvonne
Camie & North	Annie Foster	Joan Mountford	Van Rooyen
Burmester	Lori Godwin	Bridgette Negri	The Wack Family
Tammie Carow	Jean Hahm	Joseph Negri	Dan Westerlund
Adriana Caruso	Blair Harlan	The Pearson Family	Al Williams
Mason & Pat Colby	Mary Hart	Ernie Sartorius	

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Dorthea "Doffy" Teasdale** on April 20, 2022. Doffy and her husband, Tom, have been members of Vanderbilt for over 13 years. Please keep her family in your prayers. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 11am.*

VPC MISSION

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live like Christ in a broken world.
 To Proclaim the Gospel
 To Glorify God in worship and deed
 To Equip our congregation for ministry
 To Serve others in Christ's name.

VPC VISION

A congregation...
 ...so grounded in scripture and sustained by prayer,
 ...so committed to spiritual growth and faithful discipleship,
 ...so inviting, welcoming and inclusive,
 ...so nurturing and healing,
 ...so mission-minded,
 ...so vibrant, energetic and open to opportunities to share the Gospel that lives are transformed by the love of Christ.



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