



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**.

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.

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

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. If you are visiting, please fill out the blue card and leave it in the green pad.



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**November 27, 2022
The First Sunday of Advent**

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of my cousins Diane, Ben, and Bob by Janet Minch.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
David, Karen, Emilia and Quinn Lawrence,
Advent Wreath Liturgists
Jim Muir, Liturgist
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
The Chancel Choir
Julie Carver, Pianist
Greeters: Nadine Gaylord, Priscilla Kutler
Ushers: Joe Trees (Head Usher),
 Ron & Linda Addaman, Pat Rose, Dick Clark,
 Nancy Guthy
Audio/Visual Technician: Victoria Bonavita

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

² Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

⁴ To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵ For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."

⁸ For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Prelude: "Tous les Bourgeois de Chatres — Michau qui causoit ce grand bruit — Chantons je vois Prie"
Jean-Francois Dandrieu (1682-1738)

Announcements

A Moment for Mission

Heifer International

Advent Candle Litany

The Lawrence Family

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of heartwarming welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in Gods paths.'

(Isaiah 2:3 NRSV)

We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

* Hymn #2: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

**1. Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**2. Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Eternal God, you have brought us to this moment of confrontation. We cannot escape your judgment of our hidden deceptions. You know when we are jealous of others. You observe our quarrels with one another. You see how we seek self-gratification rather than the ways you intend for us. Our physical desires are more important to us than the spiritual hungers we suppress. Come among us now to turn us toward the paths where you want to lead us.

(silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri

Henry Greatorex (1816-1858)

**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 to Sunday school or families may choose to worship together in the Sanctuary.

**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

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: **Sermon Series:** *Advent Songs of Ascent*

Sermon: "Time for Restoration"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Anthem: "At The Name of Jesus"

Richard Waters

The Chancel Choir

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word. Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came; faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed; Name him, brothers, name him with love strong as death, but with awe and wonder and with bated breath; He is God the Savior, He is Christ the Lord, Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true. Crown Him as your Captain, in temptations' hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.

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 the Confession of 1967)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all. The risen Christ is the Savior of all humanity. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which begins with

the apostles and continues through all generations. God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. 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 #8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

1. **Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!**
2. **Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.**
3. **Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.**

* Commission and Blessing

We have been privileged to ascend God's mountains.

We are honored by God's call to us..

It has been good to meet together in God's house.

It is good to serve together in God's world.

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: "Vieux Noel"

César Franck (1822-1890)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

ADVENT
A Season of Preparation

VPC NEWS

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

December 4: The Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon Series: "Advent Songs of Ascent"

Sermon: "Being a Signal to the Kingdom"

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP

- **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** We invite you to dedicate poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved ones. Members and friends wishing to assist in funding the cost, may do so by completing the form in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate with the check or simply sending it in with your donation. Donors names will be included in the Christmas Eve & Christmas Day worship service bulletins. Please send your check and dedication by **12/12**.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS:** We are in need of sponsors for the Fellowship hour. If you would be willing to pick a date, call Barbara in the office. Thank you! 597-5410.
- **MUSICAL OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER:** VPC has many concert events for your listening pleasure: **12/4 at 7pm** - Seraphic Fire (www.seraphicfire.com for tickets), **12/6 at 7pm** - Naples Brass Christmas Extravaganza, **12/7 at 12pm** - Advent Concert, Susan Norbeck, Flute, **12/11 at 4pm** - VPC Chancel Choir Christmas Concert, **12/12 at 6pm** - VLC Christmas Concert, **12/14 at 12 pm** - Advent Concert - Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano, **12/21 at 12pm** - Advent Concert - Michele Byrd, Soprano.
- **FAMILY LED WORSHIP: Sunday, 12/18 at 10am** will feature the Alleluia Choir and student pianists. You won't want to miss it!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

- **ADVENT DEVOTIONALS:** Each day beginning **11/27**, you will receive an email with our Advent devotional for the day. If you wish to have a printed copy, they are available in the narthex.
- **MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Will resume on **11/30 at 6pm** in the Conference Room.
- **WNL:** Sign up (hmikes@vpcnaples.org) to participate in the Gingerbread House Decorating Contest. Wednesday, **12/14 at 5:30pm**.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** On Sunday, **12/11 at 11am** we will celebrate the ministry of Katherine Baron (Children's Ministry Assistant) during worship and fellowship.

BE SURE TO PICK UP THE SEPARATE SHEET WITH MORE INFORMATION ON MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

- **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL:** VPC's Heifer Fair is on Sunday, **12/4** after worship in Fellowship Hall. It's a great Christmas gift for someone in your life! leslie.loughran@gmail.com.
- **CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE!** This year the toys will go to the **Salvation Army & Misión Peniel**. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the office or on Sunday morning by **12/4**. December Misión Peniel workday: **12/9/22 at 1pm**. kchappler@aol.com.
- **HURRICANE IAN RELIEF:** VPC is collecting monetary donations for hurricane relief. Send a check or go online and put *Hurricane Ian Relief* in the memo.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a group of committed, caring, Christians that seek to love one another, the way Christ loved us. To make our ministry run smoothly, we need YOU! There are opportunities for everyone to serve at VPC. We are in urgent need of people to be ushers, greeters and Sunday School volunteers. You can also help by being a liturgist, choir member, Stephen Minister, Deacon or Elder. You can volunteer to help one of many missions we support. When we all gather together to help and encourage one another, the world is a better place. Pray about where you might assist in our mission to spread the Good News. You are loved and you are needed! Call us so we can help you find your place at VPC! **597-5410.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- **STEPHEN MINISTRY:** Who might receive care from a Stephen Minister? Care receivers may be hospitalized, grieving the death of a loved one, separated or divorcing, homebound, unemployed, adjusting to the birth of a child, or experiencing many other kinds of life difficulties. They may be members of our church, or friends, neighbors, and co-workers without any church home. Think about your life and the lives of the people around you. Are you, or is someone you know, going through a time of crisis or challenge? The care of a Stephen Minister may be exactly what's needed to help bring Christ's healing. Contact a Stephen Minister today for more information. Our Stephen Leaders are Kay Beernink, Karen Chappler, Carolyn Magarro, Jody Nowry and Jill Peterson. Our Stephen Ministers are Joan Butler, Barbara Green, Judy Jacobs, Sandra Johnson, Jean Lee, Roberta McMaster, Karen Negri, Eliza Nevin, Geri Payne, Pat Peters, and Lee Weeks.
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or paynegnb@comcast.net.
- **BRIDGE:** Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or nanjan69@gmail.com.

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church — Financial Results as of September 30, 2022

	9/30/22 YTD	YTD Budget	Estimated Year End	9/30/21
Income	\$ 870,505	\$1,026,500	\$1,150,000	\$ 964,640
Expenses	\$ 968,481	\$ 982,800	\$1,346,500	\$ 876,201
Net	(\$ 97,976)	\$ 43,700	(\$ 196,500)	\$ 88,439

Happy Birthday!

*Robert Kassing 11/27
 Sharon Messmore 11/27
 *George Cheatham 11/27
 Sara Wells 11/28
 *Mary Jane Williams 11/28
 Jane Beisler 11/29
 *Mary Lynn Myers 11/30
 Oscar Lowe 12/1
 Ruth Bethem 12/1
 Ali Frimpter 12/2

Judy Davis 12/3
 *Adam Day 12/3

***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!

Happy Anniversary!

Don & Lyla Schulte 11/27
 Steve Blad & Judy Malone 11/28
 Bob & Madge Bush 11/28
 Rob & Gayle Kaderly 11/28



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. If you have any joys 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! Prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be submitted.

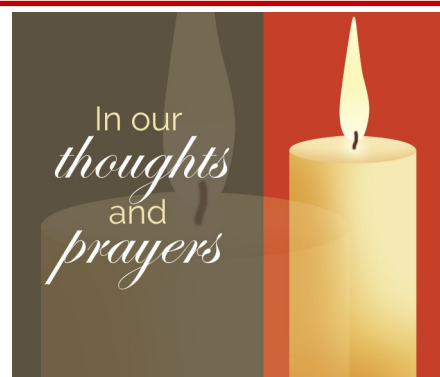


Adriana Caruso	Gail & Gary Goran	Marilyn McKee
Cristiana	Mary Hart	Joan Mountford
Ron Davis	Sandra Johnson	Eric Muir
The Dawley Family	Chester Kauffman	The Ryan Family
Rich Annunziata	Annette & Bill Dietrich	Barbara Lang
Ron Bartlett	Marlene Everson	Jean Lee
Chris & Dawn Bertler	Jim & Wealtha Flick	Judy Malone
Linda Burwinkel	Jim Folliard	Zachary Mazzola

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Loren Dawley** on November 20, 2022. Loren was active in the Chancel Choir and the Worship, Music, and Liturgical Arts Team, and a member of Vanderbilt for over 12 years. Please keep his wife, Debbie, and his family in your prayers at this difficult time. Arrangements for a memorial service are in the planning stages. Details will be announced.*

To send Debbie a card:

Debbie Dawley, 950 Spanish Moss Trail, Naples, FL 34108



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

If you have any additions or corrections to the list below, please email Michele Byrd (mbyrd@vpcnaples.org). Thank you for your continued prayers for these military personnel.

ENSIGN Francis Alvares US Navy, Pensacola, FL (Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)	CPTN Jennifer Giles USMC, Philippines (Mary Giles' granddaughter)	CPTN Devon Hennessey Korea (Toni Hubbard)
MSgt Kristopher Chesslo USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)	CPTN Jeremy Giles US Army Special Forces, Ft. Bragg, NC (Mary Giles' grandson)	Nolan Kelly US Army - Private First Class Fort Sill, OK
LT Wyatt R. Dawley US Navy Intel/SEAL Team (Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)	COL Jessica D. Grassetti (Claudia Polzin's niece)	SGT Wesley Kennedy USMC - Okinawa, Japan
MAJ Allen Fujinaka US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)	1st LT Jacob Guzman US Army—South Korea (Cesar Guzman's son)	

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Please let the office know if you are in the hospital. If you or a member of your family are hospitalized, please call the church office.

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Check our weekly email:
"Week at a Glance!"

