



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. 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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**January 1, 2023
The First Sunday of Christmas**

The flowers on the chancel are given in celebration by Bill and Mary Koppelkam.
"Happy New Year to the congregation!"

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
Sue Van Fossen, 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.
Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir
Greeters: Ruth Felipe and Priscilla Kutler
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Steve Blad, Nadine Gaylord, Tim Hall, Pete Rodino, Julie & Greg Borden, Mary Lynn Myers
Audio/Visual Technician: Victoria Bonavita

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

² May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

¹² For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

Prelude: "Adagio for Flute Clock"

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

"Aria in F Major"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Announcements

Call to Worship

Have you seen the star? Have you heard the good news?

God who created all things, has come to earth.

We have heard of a baby born in Bethlehem.

We have seen evidence that God is with us.

Have you allowed God to reign in your life?

Have you laid your gifts before the Holy Child?

We have noticed the generous travelers from the east.

They inspire in us a willingness to share.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #63: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

1. As with gladness men of old

Did the guiding star behold;

As with joy they hailed its light,

Leading onward, beaming bright;

So, most glorious Lord, may we

Evermore be led to Thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped

To that lowly manger bed,

There to bend the knee before

Him whom heaven and earth adore;

So may we with willing feet

Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare

At that manger rude and bare;

So may we with holy joy,

Pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring,

Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day

Keep us in the narrow way;

And, when earthly things are past,

Bring our ransomed souls at last

Where they need no star to guide,

Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Just and righteous God, we tremble before your all-knowing awareness of us. You have blessed us with abundance we have not counted and riches we have not fully appreciated. Our gratitude is found wanting before your judgment. Our attention to the needs of the poor and oppressed is less than you desire. Forgive us, God, for misplaced anger and callous disregard of ways we trample others. We seek redemption from oppression and violence to embrace new life in Christ. (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.**

Prayer of Illumination

The First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been

written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Recounting the Gracious Deeds of the Lord"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory Anthem: "What Star is This with Beams So Bright?"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Trier Manuscript, adapted by Michael Praetorius

The Chancel Choir

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light? 'Tis sent to announce a newborn King, glad tidings of our God to bring. 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed"; And lo! the Eastern sages stand to read in heav'n the Lord's command. O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek Your face, Let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of Your light to use. To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One, May every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.

***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.

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*** The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Loving and gracious God, from the east and the west, from the north and the south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

*** Hymn #66: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

**1. We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

Refrain:

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!**

**2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign. *Refrain***

**3. Frankincense to offer have I:
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, we are raising,
Worshipping God Most High. *Refrain***

**4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain***

**5. Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain***

*** Commission and Blessing**

To the least of God's saints, grace is given.

Thus we have received grace upon grace.

The boundless riches of Christ are ours to share.

Our faith in Christ gives us access to God.

Alleluia.

Amen.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

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.

Postlude: "Voluntary in C Major"

William Walond (1719-1768)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

VPC NEWS

*To the congregation of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church,
We come to work each day knowing that we are part of a larger group of caring people that work toward sending love and light into the world. We all feel truly blessed to work at such an amazing church and with such thoughtful colleagues and loving church members.*

Thank you for your incredibly generous Christmas gift. We are all so fortunate to work for Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.

Merry Christmas to you all. Love, the staff of VPC



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

January 8: Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon Series "Glimpses of Glory"

Sermon: "Living with Grace and Hope"



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP

- There is no programming for children and youth on **January 1**. Our staff and volunteers will be enjoying the blessings of family at home. There will be a worship service at 10am. Families are invited to worship together. Bulletins are in the Narthex. Nursery ministry and Sunday school will resume on **January 8**. WNL on **January 11 at 5:30pm**.
- **Sunday, January 8** will be the next Family Led Worship at 10am.
- **Sunday, January 15** we will offer 2 services: 8:30am and 10am.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

- **VLC OPEN HOUSE:** The Vanderbilt Learning Center (VLC) is offering an Open House opportunity for members of our congregation on **Thursday, January 19 at 10am until about 11:30am** (depending on questions, discussions, etc.). You are invited to come to this fun, informative event to tour and see our Learning Center operations and staff in action as they teach and serve the energetic and wonderful children who attend. Come see what takes place on the west side of our church building during the week! If you are interested, please email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.com so we can sign you up. The maximum group size is 15.
- **MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Will resume on **January 11 at 6pm.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- **VPC BOOK CLUB:** Our next meeting will be **Monday, January 16 at 1:30pm** in Harp Hall. We will be discussing *The Maid* by Nina Prose. Email Peggy at mldan711@gmail.com with questions.
- **STEPHEN LEADERS:** Next Sunday, **January 8**, we will be commissioning Karen Chappler and Jody Nowry as a Stephen Leaders at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Stephen Leaders are the ones who oversee and direct our Stephen Ministry. They recruit, select, train, organize, and supervise our Stephen Ministers; identify people in need of care; and match them with a Stephen Minister. We are happy to add them to our Stephen Leader team. Karen will be serving as Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator and Jody serve as Awareness Building Coordinator. Take this opportunity to pray for the Lord's guidance as these leaders assume their new roles
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or paynegnb@comcast.net.
- **BRIDGE:** Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or nanjan69@gmail.com.

- **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! **239-597-5410**

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

- **A NEW FLYER** is coming next week, for you to find a place for your heart for missions. Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a mission-minded congregation with opportunities for everyone to participate. Look for a new list on **January 8, 2023!**



THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023.

WE WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 AT 9AM.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Happy Birthday!

Phyl Auman	1/2	Peter DeBaun	1/5
Molly Godley	1/2	Diana Woodward	1/6
*Bill Reckmeyer	1/2	Heather Monda	1/6
Joan Haller	1/3	Phyllis Macbeth	1/6
Carol Loeb	1/3	*Kay Beernink	1/7
*Ron Sieling	1/3	*Priscilla Kutler	1/7
Bill Cornell	1/3	*Huguette Castaneda	1/7
Russell Vance	1/4		

*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!

Lois Ann & Jim Folliard	1/2
Joe & Sharon Doggett	1/5

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! Please note that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be submitted.

Rich Annunziata	Jim Folliard	Marilyn McKee
Charlyn Bonk	Sandra Johnson	Joan Mountford
Adriana Caruso	Chester Kauffman	Carol Schwiers
Lee Dorozenski,	Barbara Lang	Ginger Sheldon
Katherine Baron	Elizabeth Lepore	Barbara & Russ Thomas
and Family	Leslie McCollum	Rev. Dr. Louis Thompson
Annette & Bill Dietrich	Mobley and Family	
Marlene Everson	Judy Malone	



*We are saddened to announce that **Judy Oehler** died on December 24, 2022. Judy and her husband, Bill, have been members of Vanderbilt for over 15 years. She was an active member of the Chancel Choir and served as an Elder. Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers at this difficult time.*

To send a card to Bill: 4750 Aston Gardens Way Apt 205, Naples, FL 34109
A memorial service will be held at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 11:00 am.

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.

<p>ENSIGN Francis Alvares US Navy, Pensacola, FL (Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)</p> <p>MSgt Kristopher Chesslo USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)</p> <p>LT Wyatt R. Dawley US Navy Intel/SEAL Team (Debbie Dawley's grandson)</p> <p>MAJ Allen Fujinaka US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)</p>	<p>CPTN Jennifer Giles USMC, Philippines (Mary Giles' granddaughter)</p> <p>CPTN Jeremy Giles US Army Special Forces, Ft. Bragg, NC (Mary Giles' grand-son)</p> <p>COL Jessica D. Grassetti (Claudia Polzin's niece)</p>	<p>1st LT Jacob Guzman US Army—South Korea (Cesar Guzman's son)</p> <p>CPTN Devon Hennessey Korea (Toni Hubbard)</p> <p>Nolan Kelly US Army - Private First Class Fort Sill, OK</p> <p>SGT Wesley Kennedy USMC - Okinawa, Japan</p>
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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. **239-597-5410**



got questions?
 Check our weekly email:
 "Week at a Glance!"

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church November 30, 2022 YTD

	YTD Actual	December Projections
Income	\$ 1,059,063	\$ 87,500
Expenses	\$ 1,176,504	\$ 115,000
Net	(\$117,441)	