



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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January 29, 2023 8:30 & 10:00 am — The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

The flowers on the chancel are given in celebration of Jim Muir's birthday, by his loving wife, Sally.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Bill Chandley.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
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
Julie Carver, Pianist
Stanley Leonard, Director, Carillon Ringers
The Carillon Ringers
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

8:30 am Service:

Pat Rose, Liturgist

Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken
(Head Ushers), Pete Rodino, Pat Rose

10:00 am Service:

Susie Hilton, Liturgist

The Chancel Choir

Youth Acolyte, Ayden Carver

Youth Usher, Sydney Carver, Devon Grider,
Riley Mikes

Greeters: Dick Clark & Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Bill & Mary Koppelkam (Head Ushers),
Nadine & Henry Gaylord, Terri Wilding, George
Morton, Steve Blad

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 15

¹ O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
² Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;
³ who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
⁵ who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Prelude: Three Settings of "All Glory be to God on High"

Walther, Pachelbel and Zachau

Announcements

A Moment for Stewardship

Pete Rodino

Call to Worship

Jesus taught: Blessed are the poor in spirit.

He said that the realm of God is theirs.

We read that those who mourn are blessed.

Jesus said they will be comforted.

Blessed are the pure in heart and the peacemakers.

They are God's children and will see God.

Those persecuted and falsely accused are blessed.

Even in the face of evil, we will rejoice.

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #210: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

ST. ANNE

**1. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:**

**2. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**3. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

**4. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.**

**5. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, we confess that we have accepted the world's wisdom as our guide. We have been impressed by the power of weapons and the importance of high positions. We measure worth by the number of possession we command. We have been unkind in our speech and uncaring in our deeds. We have doubted the power of the cross to save. Turn us around, holy God, that we might be blessed. Now please take a moment for silent, personal confession. *(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: (10:00 am)

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

Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.
² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told

you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: (10:00 am) "Offertory"

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

The Chancel Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, With ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice and to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series "Glimpses of Glory"

"Living the Blessed Life"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "Fanfare for Bells"

Stanley Leonard (b. 1931)

The Carillon Ringers — Stanley Leonard, *Conductor*

***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**

***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Declaration of Faith

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

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 #447: "Lead On, O King Eternal"**

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| <p>1. Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.</p> <p>2. Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;</p> | <p>For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly kingdom comes.</p> <p>3. Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted over us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

Consider your call and live righteously.

Know that God chooses you for a blessing.

We delight in seeking to do God's will.

We are awed that God appoints and blesses us.

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: "Toccata in C Major"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

VPC NEWS

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK AT 8:30 AND 10:00 AM

February 5: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: I Corinthians 2:1-12 — Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon Series "Glimpses of Glory" — Sermon: "Always on Duty"

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP FOR TODAY!

- **A CHURCH TOUR** is available on **Sunday, January 29**. Look for the **blue shirts**! Tours depart from the sanctuary **after the 10am** worship service. Come and explore the facility, you might be surprised at what you learn! Members, visitors, everyone is welcome.
- **CONCERT TODAY:** Returning to Vanderbilt today is Johann Vexo, Choir Organist at the Cathedral of Notre Dame. He has performed extensively throughout Europe, the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Russia. Mark your calendar! Bring a friend! **Sunday, January 29 at 4pm.**
- **ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP!** Are you interested in joining our church family? Please join us for worship **February 5 at 10am** and stay in the sanctuary with Pastor Rob for a brief Q&A, as we chat about Vanderbilt and what it means to be involved in the ministry of Christ's church.
- **LUNCH BUNCH!** Sign up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or you can call the office. Our new members will meet on **February 12** with Pastor Rob.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith." — Galatians 6:10

- **CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHURCH?** We are in need of some volunteers to come in each week to restock the pews with offering envelopes, prayer request cards and other seasonal flyers. This is work **anyone** can do! Maybe you will make a new friend! Consider helping us keep our sanctuary ready for worship each week. If you are interested, call the office! **239-597-5410**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

- **MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on **Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library.
 - **WISDOM SEEKERS** will meet on **Wednesday, February 1, at 12:30pm** in the Library for lunch and fellowship.
 - **FRIENDS IN FAITH** will meet on **Wednesday, February 22, at 12:30pm** in Harp Hall. All ladies are welcome to come and discuss "*Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. We will order books (\$10) for pick up in the church office. Please contact Barbara Bonavita at (239) 597-5410 or bbonavita@vpcnaples.org before **January 30**.
- **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**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- **CHALK THE LOT:** **Saturday, February 11 from 10am-12pm.** Let's cover the parking lot with meaningful Scripture, colorful art, and inspiring designs! We'll provide chalk art supplies and water. Please bring your own chairs. We encourage you to bring canned goods and monetary donations to the event, for the Souper Bowl of Caring (**2/12**).
- **Where Did It All Start? STEPHEN MINISTRY** has been around since 1975, when Kenneth Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, began it to multiply the caregiving in his congregation in St. Louis. We have had Stephen Ministry at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church since 1998 and are one of over 13,000 Stephen Ministry congregations worldwide. For more information, log onto www.stephenministries.org.
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or paynegnb@comcast.net.
- **BRIDGE:** Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or nanjan69@gmail.com.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU! - CHECK THE FLYERS FOR MORE INFO!

- **WEEKEND POWER PACK** relies on volunteers to pack about 300 bags of food for children living at or below the poverty level. Next VPC packing date is **Thursday, February 2 at 10:30am** in Fellowship Hall. Email Becky Wheat: sportbroad@comcast.net.
 - **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** - On Super Bowl Sunday, **February 12**, our youth will be collecting donations of canned and non-perishable foods outside, under the porte-cochere before and after the 10am service. If you worship with us virtually, you can mail checks to the church office or donate online indicating "Souper Bowl" through February 28. All donations benefit Collier Harvest.
- **RECYCLED CARD MINISTRY:** Please stop by the office to pick up your Valentine's Day cards or any other cards you need (birthday, anniversary, sympathy etc.).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE JAMES & CINDY CRAIG EDUCATION SERIES:

Presented by Hunter Farrell — based on his recent book "Freeing Congregational Mission"

Two 60 minute sessions - **Saturday, February 25, 2023 in Harp Hall**

9:30am - Session I — **10:30am** - break and refreshments — **11am** - Session II

Hunter Farrell will present key takeaways from the latest mission research, inspiring examples from innovative congregations, and introduce a set of step-by-step tools for churches to discern and implement sound practices that will work for them. For more information, see the enclosed flyer.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. Also, if you have any joys or concerns, let us know. They are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. Prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be submitted.

Sharon Acx	Tom Cassese	Barbara Lang	The Smartt Family
Rich Annunziata	Jackie Duggan	Elizabeth Lepore	Barbara & Russ Thomas
Leo Barrett	Elizabeth	Judy Malone	Rev. Dr. Louis Thompson
Ron Bartlett	Marlene Everson	Marilyn McKee	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Kay Beernink	Jim Folliard	Joan Mountford	CC Waskey
Gordon Black	Edward Gates	Bill Oehler	
Charlyn Bonk	Sandra Johnson	Twila Rowe	
Adriana Caruso	Chester Kauffman	Carol Schwiars	



Happy Birthday!

*Bob Martin	1/29	Dennis Lebo	2/2
Don Schulte	1/29	Meryl Berger	2/2
Lizzie Piipponen	1/30	Don Neer	2/3
*Sally Muir	1/31	*Arnold Alexander	2/4
Sheetal Yousaf	1/31		
*Cindi Schock	1/31		
Pat Counts	2/1		
Roberta McMaster	2/2		



Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

*Birthday Club

Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day. The Education Team may annually request up to 5% from the Club for Youth and Education Ministry!

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)

MSgt Kristopher Chesslo

USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)

LT Wyatt R. Dawley

US Navy Intel/SEAL Team

(Debbie Dawley's grandson)

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)

1st LT Jacob Guzman

US Army—South Korea

(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

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**



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

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2022 YTD

	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 1,207,324
Expenses	\$ 1,288,493
Net	(\$81,169)