



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 8, 2023 — Baptism of the Lord

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of our parents, Edith and Ervin,
by Joan Elliott and Ron Sieling.

The fellowship hour is sponsored by Stephen Ministry.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Jim Muir, Liturgist

Taylor Klein, Youth 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

Julie Carver, Pianist

Gordon Black, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

Carter Mikes, Youth Acolyte

Devon Grider, Robert Crown & Ayden Carver,
Three Wise Men

Greeters: Jan Fern, Priscilla Kutler, Nadine
Gaylord

Ushers: Carol & Price Lindsay (Head Ushers),
Terri Wilding, Dianne Westerlund, Nancy Guthy,
Patti Runkel, Joe & Sharon Doggett, Pete DeBaun

Audio/Visual Technician: Victoria Bonavita

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare,
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Prelude: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Gordon Black, *Piano* & Jim Cochran, *Organ*

Announcements

A Moment for Missions

Collier Harvest

Call to Worship

A voice of power and majesty calls out to us:

I am your God; I have called you in righteousness.

We are amazed that God knows us and calls us.

By God's breath and spirit, we receive life.

Worship with joy and give glory to God's name.

Listen for the new thing God declares.

We remember that we have been baptized.

May we live as those with whom God is pleased.

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #492:** "Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

**1. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**2. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;**

**One with his rising, Freed and forgiven
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**3. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of glory, we confess that our lives have not glorified you. God of justice, we admit our complicity with systems of injustice. God of light, we are aware of the shadows we create that keep others from seeing you. All-inclusive God, we repent of our narrow vision and our tendency to exclude. Purge us of the idols that keep us from full commitment to the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. (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 42:1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series "Glimpses of Glory"

"Living with Grace and Hope"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Commissioning of Stephen Leaders: Karen Chappler and Jody Nowry.

Offering

Offertory Anthem: "All My Hope on God is Founded"

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Chancel Choir

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew, Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own. Pride of man and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust; what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower. God's great goodness e'er endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: splendor, light and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command. Still from man to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, His Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

***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 the Book of Common Worship

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ. 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 #525: "Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM, LORD

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| <p>1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?
<i>Refrain:</i>
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.</p> | <p>2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for Love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send? <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
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* Commission and Blessing

Let your lives testify to the goodness of God.

Ascribe to God glory and majesty and power.

We are witnesses from the baptized community.

God send us out to embrace others in Christ's name.

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: "The Heavens Declare the Glory"

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

VPC NEWS

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

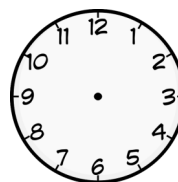
January 15: Second Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: I Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42

Sermon Series "Glimpses of Glory"

Sermon: "Thankful for Today"



New
Worship
Schedule

BEGINNING SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

WE WILL OFFER 2 WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 & 10 AM

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP

- **ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP!** Are you interested in joining our church family? Please join us for worship **TODAY, January 8 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. New members will be recognized on **January 15** during worship.
- **Sunday, January 15 we will offer 2 services: 8:30am and 10am.**
- **LUNCH BUNCH!** We are looking for VPC members, friends, family, and potential new members to join us for lunch! Once a month, a host from our church leadership will organize a small group of people to go out for lunch together after the worship service (Dutch treat). Sign up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or you can call the office. Our new members will meet on **Sunday, January 15** with Pastor Rob.
- **NEXT CONCERT:** Returning to Vanderbilt this season is Johann Vexo, Choir Organist at the Cathedral of Notre Dame. He has performed extensively throughout Europe, the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and Russia. Mark your calendar! Bring a friend! **Sunday, January 29 at 4pm**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS:** Join us for our next meeting on **January 11 at 5:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Email Heather at hmikes@vpcnaples.org
- **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 mldon711@gmail.com with questions.
- **STEPHEN LEADER COMMISSIONING:** **Today, January 8**, we celebrate the commissioning of two members of our congregation who have completed training and are ready to use their spiritual gifts as Stephen Leaders. This commissioning service offers an opportunity to show our support for Stephen Ministry. 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, 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.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Friday, January 27 at 6pm — All Church Pot Luck Dinner** — Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call church office during the week: 597-5410. Think about a favorite dish you want to bring to share. Come see old friends and meet new.

SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER IN A TENDER TIME

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church has many memorial services in the next two weeks. Check the list below to see if you can attend to offer Christian sympathy and love to your fellow church members.

Thursday, January 12 at 11am — Eric Steiner memorial service and reception

Saturday, January 14 at 1:30pm — Loren Dawley memorial service and reception

Thursday, January 19 at 11am — Judy Oehler memorial service and reception

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23

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.**

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

- **A NEW FLYER** is inserted in your bulletin! Each week, upcoming Missions will be highlighted in the bulletin, but a handy, complete list for the next four months is on the separate sheet. Please read it and see where **you** might be called to show Christ's love in the world.
- **THANK YOU** to Annette Kirk and Connie Preu from Collier Harvest for sharing the work they do for our neighbors in need. **Collier Harvest Foundation** is dedicated to providing healthy and nutritious food to our hungry neighbors across Collier County. www.collierharvest.org. Volunteers help monthly at packing events. The next event is **Monday, January 23 at 5pm** at 4451 Mercantile Ave. Volunteers help pack bags of groceries for students in need. Stop by the Collier Harvest table in Fellowship Hall following worship to find out more from Annette and Connie!

- **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**

Happy Birthday!

Marjorie Renth	1/8
*Bob Bush	1/8
Dee Gregg	1/8
Cole Borden	1/9
*Steve Kutler	1/11

*Mary Chesslo	1/11
Joan Mountford	1/12
*Clark Leaming	1/13
Donna Riley	1/13
Sydney Carver	1/14

Happy Anniversary!

Terry & Joan Mountford	1/9
Michael & Debra Bevilacqua	1/10

*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!

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	Jackie Duggan	Elizabeth Lepore	Carol Schwiers
Leo Barrett	Marlene Everson	Judy Malone	Ginger Sheldon
Ron Bartlett	Jim Folliard	Marilyn McKee	Barbara & Russ Thomas
Kay Beernink	Jim Gates	Joan Mountford	Rev. Dr. Louis Thompson
Charlyn Bonk	The Gorran Family	Bill Oehler	
Adriana Caruso	Sandra Johnson	The Oehler Family	
Maureen Croom	Chester Kauffman	Brian & Monica Rodino	
Annette & Bill Dietrich	Barbara Lang	Twila Rowe	

PRAYER
list



*We are saddened to announce that **Gary Gorran** died on January 2, 2023.
Gary was the husband of VPC member, Gail Gorran.
Please keep Gail and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.*

To send a card to Gail:
2781 Siena Lakes Circle, Unit 2310
Naples, FL 34109

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**



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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)	