



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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**February 12, 2023 8:30 & 10:00 am
The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
Family Led Worship**

The flowers on the chancel are given in honor of family birthdays by John & Mimi Braun.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Pocket Patterson.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Molly Godley, 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

Virginia Garner Cullison, Violin

Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

8:30 am Service:

Ushers: Pete De Baun (Head Usher), Ben Hood,
Gisela & Mike Yingst

10:00 am Service:

The Chancel Choir

Youth Acolyte: Carter Mikes

Youth Ushers: Devon Grider & Riley Mikes

Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne

Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Price &
Carol Lindsay, Ron & Linda Addaman, Pat Rose,
Nadine & Henry Gaylord

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 119:1-8

- ¹ Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.
² Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,
³ who also do no wrong but walk in his ways.
⁴ You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
⁵ O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.
⁸ I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Prelude: "O Word of God Incarnate" and "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

Traditional

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Ready yourselves to receive all that God supplies.

Attune your hearts to God's promises and warnings.

We expect to be challenged as well as encouraged.

We know that our ways are not God's ways.

God gives us choices that result in life or death.

We can obey or reject the way of life God intends for us.

We seek to know and follow the way of life.

We want to live according to promises we have made.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #144: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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| 1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood. | 4. Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast. |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, you know the pain of all our broken relationships. Some we have tried to mend, and others we have tried to ignore. We feel your judgment on our estrangements. O God, we ask for courage to admit our mistakes and overcome them. Show us what we can do to right the wrongs for which we are responsible, and forgive, we pray, what cannot be changed. Empower us as reconcilers and servants of your way. *(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.**

Recognition of New Members

Prayer of Illumination

The First Reading

I Corinthians 3:1-9

¹ And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not all too human? ⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: (10:00am) "Blest are They"

David Haas (b. 1957)

The Chancel Choir

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled. Rejoice, and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God! Blest are they, the lowly ones: they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. Blest are they, who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! Blest are they, who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. Blest are you, who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God; shine for all to see.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:21-26

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series "Glimpses of Glory"

"Going Above and Beyond"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Dedication of 2023 Stewardship Estimates of Giving

Offering

Offertory: "Lord, Here Am I"

John Ness Beck, arr., Craig Courtney

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, And I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, What is my labor, And where it shall be. Master, Thou callest, And this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I." Willing, my Savior, To take up the cross; Willing to suffer Reproaches and loss; Willing to follow, If Thou wilt but lead; Only support me With grace in my need. Living or dying, I still would be thine, Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine, Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; Pity, and bring me again to the light.

**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 Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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 #263: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

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| 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of
Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name
we praise. | 4. Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their
sight; All praise we would render; O help us
to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth
Thee! |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

*God will bless those who walk in Christ's way.
Beloved, you will be strengthened to keep your vows.*
**We will praise God with upright hearts.
May our ways become steadfast in doing good.**
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 D Minor"

Johann Froberger (1616-1667)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

VPC NEWS

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

February 19: Transfiguration Sunday

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 — Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon Series "Glimpses of Glory" — Sermon: "Standing in Awe"



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. Flyers are in the Narthex.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP

- **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.
- **THE NEXT CONCERT** will feature Barry Ross, *Violin* and Julie Carver, *Piano* on **Sunday, February 19 at 4pm**. Plan to come and enjoy a beautiful afternoon of music!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

- **MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on **Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library.
- **VLC OPEN HOUSE:** The Vanderbilt Learning Center (VLC) is offering an Open House opportunity for members of our congregation on **Thursday, February 16 at 10am**. If you are interested, please email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.com so we can sign you up.
- **VPC BOOK CLUB:** Will meet on **Monday, February 20 at 1:30pm** at the church. The book to be discussed is *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, by Anthony Doerr. Email Peggy Landon: mlandon711@gmail.com.
- **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. Books are in (\$10) and ready to be picked up at the office. 9am-4pm M-F.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- *"Just as love for God begins with listening to His word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them."* **Philippians 2:5.** Who are **Stephen Ministers**? Stephen Ministers are congregation members who have been called to be actively involved in ministry. A goal of the ministry is to have people in need to be open to receiving care from a Stephen Minister. If you feel the need for a compassionate and confidential listening ear or if you know of someone who may benefit from a Stephen Minister, please reach out to our team. Stephen Leaders are: Jill Peterson, Karen Chappler, and Jody Nowry. Stephen Ministers are: Joan Butler, Barbara Green, Judy Jacobs, Eliza Nevin, Geri Payne, Pat Peters, Lee Weeks and Karen Negri. Our Stephen Ministers and leaders will meet on **Tuesday, February 14th at 1:30pm** in Harp Hall. The education topic is "Transitions." As always, these topics make us think and discuss sharing, growing and learning as a team.
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or paynegnb@comcast.net.
- **BRIDGE:** Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or nanjan69@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

"Many hands do indeed make light work." — Nehemiah 3

- **WE NEED YOU!!** Could you lend a hand on Sunday morning? Our Parish Life Team needs volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour. If you enjoy having coffee and treats following the services, consider helping out with the set-up or clean-up. Email Leslie Loughran for more information or to volunteer. leslie.loughran@gmail.com.

- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS:** Please sponsor a Fellowship hour! Call us! **239-597-5410**

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU! - FLYERS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

- **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.
- **BLOOD DRIVE:** Our next Blood Drive is, **Sunday, February 19 from 9am-12pm**. Call the office to schedule a time. Your donation will save lives.
- **CAFÉ of LIFE:** The VPC Mission Team is hosting a meal on **Friday, February 24 at 9am** at Leitner Park, 26724 Nomad Dr., Bonita Springs 34135. Donations of food and volunteers to serve are needed. Email Eliza Nevin at elizanevin@comcast.net.
- **COLLIER HARVEST - Monday February 27** at 4451 Mercantile Ave. Join us to pack bags of healthy and nutritious food for our hungry neighbors across Collier County. At **4:15-5pm** we need volunteers *who are able to do some heavy lifting* to unload all the boxes of food from the Collier Harvest vehicles and get them organized and set up on the tables for packing. At **5-6pm** we need volunteers who wish to do the regular bagging/packing work. Please volunteer for either of the above, or for both. Email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.com.

- **RECYCLED CARD MINISTRY:** Please stop by the office to pick up your Valentine's Day cards!

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	Joan Butler	Jim Folliard	Bill Oehler
Rich Annunziata	Adriana Caruso	Sandra Johnson	Twila Rowe
Leo Barrett	Tom Cassese	Chester Kauffman	Carol Schwiers
Ron Bartlett	Jackie Duggan	Bill Koppelkam	Rev. Dr. Louis Thompson
Kay Beernink	Elizabeth	Elizabeth Lepore	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Gordon Black	Marlene Everson	Judy Malone	CC Waskey
Charlyn Bonk	Connie Feeney	Marilyn McKee	The Wynn Family

Happy Birthday!

Walter Lee	2/12	Pat Peters	2/16
Kit Chamberlain	2/14	Ronald Nowry	2/17
*Marlene Everson	2/14	*Patty Shields	2/18
Jody Nowry	2/14	*Heather Mikes	2/18
*Jim Everson	2/16	Heidi Holley	2/18

***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!

Happy Anniversary!

Pete & Carol Schwiers	2/14
Joseph & Dana Riashi	2/16



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**



www.vpcnaples.org/live/



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)