



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 19, 2023 8:30 & 10:00 am Transfiguration of the Lord

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of loved ones by Kay Beernink.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Stewardship Team.

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

Susan Norbeck, Flute

Victoria Bonavita,

Audio/Visual Technician

8:30 am Service:

Pat Rose, Liturgist

Ushers: Pete De Baun (Head Usher), Jill
Peterson, Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken

10:00 am Service:

Mary Lynn Myers, Liturgist

The Chancel Choir

Youth Acolyte: Carter Mikes

Youth Ushers: Riley Mikes & Annabelle
Annunziata

Greeters: Ruth Felipe & Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Pat Peters (Head Usher), Greg & Julie
Borden, Joan Butler, Reggie Smith, Doug Dunn,
Teri Wilding

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 99

- ¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- ² The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!
- ⁴ Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
- ⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.
- ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- ⁹ Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

Prelude: Sonata in F Major

Johann Christoph Pepusch (1667-1752)

3. Adagio 1. Adagio 2. Allegro

Susan Norbeck, *Flute*

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Come up to the mountain of God's presence.

Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.

We are eyewitnesses to God's majesty.

We have sensed God's presence in stories of Jesus.

Look up, and do not be afraid.

Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before you.

We will serve our God with fear and trembling.

Happy are those whose refuge is in God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #262: "God of the Ages"

NATIONAL HYMN

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| <p>1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the
skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.</p> <p>2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay;
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.</p> | <p>3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in
peace.</p> <p>4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of dazzling splendor, we confess that we have lived in a cloud, hiding from your glory and pretending not to notice the wonders of your majesty. The mystery of life eludes us because we take for granted what seems commonplace and refuse to deal with matters beyond our understanding. We have tried to put our religion in a compartment separate from the rest of life. We have not thought to serve you in everyday encounters. Shake our complacency, we pray, and awaken us to new life in all its fullness. *(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

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series "Glimpses of Glory"

"Standing in Awe"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: (8:30 am) "Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness" Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Offertory: (10:00 am) "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him"
The Chancel Choir

David Dunbar

***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 Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered. 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 #466: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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| 1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace! | 3. Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me. |
| 2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace. | 4. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name. |

* Commission and Blessing

We have caught the vision of the disciples.

We will know life abundant as followers of Jesus.

The Spirit sends us into the world to serve.

We share the message: We are beloved by God.

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.

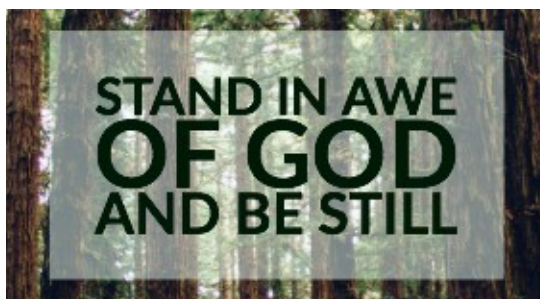
Postlude: "Sonata in F Major"

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Susan Norbeck, *Flute*

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.



VPC NEWS

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

February 26: First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Romans 5:12-19 — Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee,

President and Professor of Theological Formation for Ministry
of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP

TODAY! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023
4PM IN THE SANCTUARY

Barry Ross, Violin and Julie Carver, Piano
In Concert
Sunday, February 19, 2023
4:00pm
Doors open at 3:30pm
No tickets required
Free will offering will be collected

Begin your Lenten journey here...
Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6pm

ASH WEDNESDAY
worship



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 EDUCATION

- **MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on **Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library.
- **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.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS:** Join us at **5:30pm** in Fellowship Hall for dinner and stay from **6-7pm** when we Study/Serve/Pray/Play and finish up at **7:15pm** after some play time. Everyone is welcome! **Wednesday, February 22, 2023.** RSVP to Heather: hmikes@vpcnaples.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY



- **SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR VPC!** We are selling **blue VPC shirts** **March 5-26** in Fellowship Hall after the services. Call or email Ruth Felipe for more information or to place an order. 908-910-5091 or ruthfelipe@aol.com.
- ***"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 might receive care from a **Stephen Minister**? Care receivers may be hospitalized, grieving the death of a loved one, separated or divorced, home bound, unemployed, adjusting to changing family dynamics. They may be members of our church, friends, co-workers etc... The Stephen Ministers are discussing transitioning from caring relationships and what that means. We ask for prayers for our ministry going forward.
- **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! - FLYERS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

- **BLOOD DRIVE:** Our next Blood Drive is, **TODAY - Sunday, February 19 from 9am-12pm**. Walk in donors are welcome. 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.
- **GRACE PLACE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** is an educational nonprofit organization guided by our faith-based core values. The mission of Grace Place is to put our faith into action – providing pathways out of poverty by educating children and families. Our vision is that all families have access to education to break the cycle of poverty. www.graceplacenaples.org. For more information about what VPC members do at Grace Place, email Molly Godley at godleyvm@comcast.net.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

"Many hands do indeed make light work."

Nehemiah 3

WE NEED YOU ON SUNDAY MORNING!! Our Parish Life Team needs volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour. Consider helping out with the set-up or clean-up. Email Leslie Loughran for more information or to volunteer.

leslie.loughran@gmail.com.

The logo for Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, featuring a stylized building and the text "Vanderbilt PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH".

WE ARE HIRING!

For more information email:
HR@vpcnaples.org

An icon representing a finance assistant, showing a clipboard with a dollar sign, a calculator, and some coins.

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church
Part-Time Finance Assistant

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

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

Happy Birthday!

*Dick Creviston	2/19	Clive Ozard	2/21	Emily Beynon	2/24
*Carol Schwiers	2/19	John Miles	2/22	Yvonne Van Rooyen	2/24
Chuck Lewis	2/19	Andrea Daggett	2/23		
*Jan Conrad	2/20	Thomas Loughran	2/23		
Margaret Leonard	2/20	*Dave Windley	2/23		

***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!

There are no anniversaries to celebrate this week.

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 (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. **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)