



**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 26, 2023 8:30 & 10:00 am  
First Sunday in Lent**

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of my brother-in-law, Scott Elliott, by Ron Sieling.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Reggie and Mike Smith.

**Worship Participants**

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor**

**The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee, President and Professor of Theological Formation for Ministry of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Guest Preacher**

**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**

**Jerry Grandey, Liturgist**

**Julie Carver, Pianist**

**Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano**

**Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician**

**8:30 am Service:**

**Ushers:** Pete De Baun (Head Usher), Jill Peterson, Ben Hood

**10:00 am Service:**

**The Chancel Choir**

**Youth Acolyte:** Ayden Carver

**Youth Ushers:** Sydney Carver & Devon Grider

**Greeters:** Joan Butler & Priscilla Kutler

**Ushers:** Geri & Bill Payne (Head Ushers), Wendi & Robert MacKinley, Dick Clark, Gwen Salyer

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 32

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
<sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.  
<sup>3</sup> While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.  
<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.  
<sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty water shall not reach them.  
<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.  
<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle else it will not stay near you.  
<sup>10</sup> Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.  
<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**Prelude:** Prelude in E-flat Major

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

### Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship:

*We are here to worship the God of all creation.*

*We gather to remember God's revelation in Jesus.*

**Today we revisit the garden of Eden.**

**We remember God's overflowing generosity.**

*We worship God, who gives us choices and limits.*

*Are we open to God's counsel and instruction?*

**Today we remember the temptations Jesus faced.**

**We want to learn to make good choices.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #84: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory "

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| 1. In the cross of Christ I glory,<br>Towering o'er the wrecks of time;<br>All the light of sacred story<br>Gathers round its head sublime.       | 3. When the sun of bliss is beaming<br>Light and love upon my way,<br>From the cross the radiance streaming<br>Adds more luster to the day.            |
| 2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,<br>Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,<br>Never shall the cross forsake me:<br>Lo! it glows with peace and joy. | 4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,<br>By the cross are sanctified;<br>Peace is there that knows no measure,<br>Joys that through all time abide. |

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**Holy God, we confess our transgressions before you. We resent limits on our freedom to follow the impulses of the moment. We want life to revolve around us. We want other people to fit into the patterns that serves us best. Like a horse or a mule, we resent the bit and bridle that make us useful participants in the community you seek to create. We have tried to live apart from you. We sense that something is missing from our lives. Will you walk with us in this season and help us become all we are created to be? *(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)

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

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

Romans 5:12-19

*<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but*

*the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** (10:00 am) "And No Bird Sang"

Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

The Chancel Choir

Calm was the wind and dark was the sky, when our Lord came to die; Lone, on the cross for our sins He did hang, and no bird sang. Women and men with anguish and fear, then to His cross drew near; Hushed then to feel the bitter pang, and no bird sang. Kyrie eleison! Lord have mercy, God's will be done! No bird sang in the sky, when Christ did come to die.

**The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 4:1-11

*<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "The Affirming Proposition"

The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee

**Offering**

**Offertory:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand with I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

**\*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 Colossians 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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 #85: "What Wondrous Love is This?"**

WONDROUS LOVE

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| <p><b>1. What wondrous love is this,<br/>O my soul, O my soul,<br/>What wondrous love is this, O my soul!<br/>What wondrous love is this<br/>that caused the Lord of bliss<br/>To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my<br/>soul, To bear the heavy cross for my soul!</b></p> <p><b>2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will<br/>sing, To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;<br/>To God and to the Lamb who is the great I<br/>Am, While millions join the theme,<br/>I will sing, I will sing;<br/>While millions join the theme, I will sing!</b></p> | <p><b>3. And when from death I'm free,<br/>I'll sing on, I'll sing on.<br/>And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;<br/>And when from death I'm free,<br/>I'll sing and joyful be,<br/>And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.<br/>And through eternity I'll sing on.</b></p> |
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### **\* Commission and Blessing**

*Know that it is not easy to keep our focus on God.  
Many distractions will vie for our attention.  
We pray that God will be present amid temptations.  
We seek strength and courage to be faithful.  
Be open each day to God's counsel and instruction.  
Learn from Christ to make difficult choices.*

God sends us out into the wilderness.  
But we know the oasis is here to refresh 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:** Prelude in G Minor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.*

## VPC NEWS

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

**March 5: Second Sunday of Lent**

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 — Gospel: John 3:1-17

**Sermon Series:** *Learning to Live Inside Out* — **Sermon:** "On the Move"

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP

- **ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP!** Are you interested in joining our church family? Please join us for worship **March 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 **March 12** with Pastor Rob.

Mark your calendar for our next concert! It features two winners of the Cochran Organ Prize at the Eastman School of Music.



Alex Little

Winners of the Cochran Organ Prize  
at Eastman School of Music

Sunday, March 5, 2023  
4:00pm



Doors open at 3:30pm  
No tickets required  
Free-Will Offering

Bring your friends and  
enjoy the Lively Fulcher  
Organ at VPC!



Ryan Chan

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

- **THANK YOU FOR TACKLING HUNGER WITH US!** VPC/VLC children and youth collected **\$1,327.00** and carts full food for the Souper Bowl of Caring. You can still donate through **2/28!**
- **MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on **Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library.





### 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](mailto: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**. Please pray as our Stephen Ministry team members examine our roles in our care receivers lives. Stephen Ministry relationship's last until the care receiver no longer needs a Stephen Minister's care. We continue to explore the transitions necessary to bring closure to some relationships while pursuing new ones in a healthy way.
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or [paynegnb@comcast.net](mailto:paynegnb@comcast.net).
- **BRIDGE:** Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or [nanjan69@gmail.com](mailto:nanjan69@gmail.com).

### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU! - FLYERS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

- **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](mailto:pvrodino@aol.com).
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - March** is Habitat Month at VPC. We will have a special Moment for Mission on **March 5** with Andrea McKenna from Habitat for Humanity of Collier County. Check the Mission Opportunities Flyer in the Narthex for more information on Habitat.
- **MISIÓN PENIEL - Friday, March 10** is our next date to serve this important mission. We will carpool from the church leaving at **1pm** and return to the church by about **7pm**. If you are interested in helping out, please email Karen Chappler at [KChappler@aol.com](mailto:KChappler@aol.com).
- **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** - The three programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Look for envelopes in the pew racks or in the Narthex. Donations accepted through **April 9**.



### 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](mailto:leslie.loughran@gmail.com).

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

## WE ARE HIRING!

For more information email:  
[HR@vpcnaples.org](mailto:HR@vpcnaples.org)

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church  
Part-Time Finance Assistant

A graphic showing a clipboard with a checklist, a calculator, and several dollar signs, representing financial management.

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

**PRAYER**  
*list*

### Happy Birthday!

*Joyce Geary	2/26	Shirley Schwindt	3/1
Mary Ann Koppelkam	2/26	Dale Tremblay	3/1
Terry Mountford	2/26	Will Goodchild	3/1
Mauricio Aguilar	2/26	Brian Carver	3/1
June Johnson	2/27	Cheryl Desorcy	3/2
Carson Kepen	2/27	Shar Rosser	3/2
Marcy Dietz	2/29	Barbara Feddern	3/2
Roberta Hobbs	3/1		

### Happy Anniversary!

Al & Elizabeth Todd	2/28
Todd & Gina Truax	2/28

### \*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](mailto: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

**January 31, 2023 YTD**

	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 211,417
Expenses	\$ 138,418
Net	\$ 72,999