



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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March 13, 2023 8:30 & 10:00 am — Third Sunday in Lent

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of my husband, Tom Magarro, by Carolyn Magarro.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in honor of family birthdays by John and Mimi Braun.

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
Virginia Garner Cullison, Violin
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

8:30 am Service:

Liturgist: Karen Chappler
Ushers: Pete DeBaun (Head Usher), Jill
Peterson, Ben Hood, Steve Schock

10:00 am Service:

Liturgist: Pat Rose
The Chancel Choir
Youth Acolyte: Carter Mikes
Youth Ushers: Sydney Carver & Riley Mikes
Greeters: David & Beth Lee
Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Jerry & Mari-
Bea Warnken, Ron & Linda Addaman, Nancy
Guthy, Gwen Salyer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 95

¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

⁸ Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

⁹ when your ancestors tested me and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said,

"They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

¹¹ Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

Prelude: Three Hymns: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days,"

Traditional

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley," and "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Virginia Garner Cullison, Violin

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Come, let us sing a new song to our God.

Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us enter God's presence with thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

O come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before God our Maker.

We are the people of God's pasture.

Today we will listen to God with open hearts.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #280: "Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

Continued

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

What will you do with us, God? We are never satisfied with our lot. We rebel and complain when things don't go our way. Our hearts chase after things that become gods to us and consume our time, energy and attention. We spend little time in communion with you and then begin to doubt your presence. You seem far away and unavailable. We create barriers among ourselves that separate us from one another and from you. Send your living water to cleanse us, O God. Empower us to worship in spirit and in truth. (*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 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you

quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me."⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: (10:00 am) "A Lenten Meditation"

Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

The Chancel Choir

Jesus, in Thy dying woes, even while Thy life-blood flows, Craving pardon for Thy foes: Hear us, Holy Jesus. May our hearts to Thee incline, looking from our cross to Thine; Cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, Holy Jesus. When we seem in vain to pray, and our hope seems far away, In the darkness be our stay: Hear us, Holy Jesus. May we thirst Thy love to know; Lead us in our sin and woe Where the healing waters flow: Hear us, Holy Jesus. Brighten all our heav'nward way with an ever holier ray Till we pass to perfect day: Hear us, Holy Jesus. May Thy life and death supply grace to live and grace to die, Grace to reach our home on high: Hear us, Holy Jesus!

The Gospel Reading

John 4:5-14

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series: "Learning to Live Inside Out"
"Refreshing Water"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "Adagio in F Major"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

***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

John 4:13-14

"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

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: "Rock of Ages"**

TOPLADY

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| 1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure. | Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone. |
| 2. Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, | 3. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee. |

*** Commission and Blessing**

Go, therefore, to tell your friends and neighbors.

God has done great things for us.

God is to be worshiped in spirit and truth.

Every moment of every day is a time for praise.

We scatter, singing songs of thanksgiving.

We will make a joyful noise, in praise to God.

We will also listen for messages God sends.

God is among us and goes with us every day.

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: "A Short Voluntary"

John Worgan (1724-1790)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

VPC NEWS

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

March 19: Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: I Samuel 16:1-13 — **Gospel:** John 9: 24-41

Sermon Series: *Learning to Live Inside Out* — **Sermon:** "Chosen By God"

JOIN US AT FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Each Sunday, following the **10:00 am** service, we meet in Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats. Join us!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

At the January 27 meeting, the Session approved **March 12, 2023** as the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The meeting will be held in-person immediately following the 10am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the next class of VPC officers (Elder, Deacon) and all members of the Congregational Nominations Committee, approve the 2023 Terms of the Pastoral Call, and to receive the 2022 Annual Report.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP

- **GULFSHORE OPERA CONCERT: Sunday, March 12 at 4pm.** Tickets available at www.gulfshoreopera.org or call 529-3925. VPC members get 10% off!



Have you signed up
for Lunch Bunch yet?
Join us! Our next
lunch is on Sunday
March 12th!

After Fellowship Hour, small groups will
meet for lunch at a restaurant around noon.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

- **MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on **Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library.
- **VPC BOOK CLUB:** Join us on **Monday, March 20 at 1:30pm** to discuss "The Measure" by Erlick.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU! - FLYERS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - March** is Habitat Month at VPC. Check the Mission Opportunities Flyer in the Narthex for more information on Habitat.
- **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**.
- **CAFÉ OF LIFE:** The VPC Mission Team is hosting a meal on **Friday, March 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.

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**. The most important part of what a Stephen Minister does is to provide a safe space for the care receiver to truly express their feelings. Sadness, anger, fear, frustration, and isolation are all feelings that need and deserve a safe and non-judgmental place to be expressed.
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 249-5327 or paynegnb@comcast.net.
- **BRIDGE:** Contact the office at 594-5710.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONE OR SPECIAL OCCASION:

Please sponsor Fellowship Hour or the Chancel flowers! Call us! **239-597-5410**

PLEASE HELP!

Call the office
at 597-5410
to volunteer!

We need VOLUNTEERS!

We wish that everyone would help us in our ministry at VPC! We are able to share the love of God through our love for each other.

Ushers, Greeters, kitchen helpers at Fellowship Hour, Liturgists, choir members, Sunday School teachers, Wednesday Night Lights helpers, and many other opportunities are available for YOU!



Thank
you!

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	Sandra Johnson	Don Rasely
Rich Annunziata	Marlene Everson	Chester Kauffman	Carol Schwiars
Leo Barrett	Connie Feeney	Bill Koppelkam	Rev. Dr. Louis Thompson
Ron Bartlett	Nadine Gaylord	Elizabeth Lepore	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
E. Michael Begovich	Carol Harper	Martha Henry Ludwizak	CC Waskey
Steve Blad and the family of Judy Malone	The family of Leanne Heaton	Marilyn McKee	The Wynn Family
Charlyn Bonk	Susie Hilton	Moka	
Joan Butler	Sonny Hurst	Jeff Moon	
		Mark Pratt	

PRAYER
list

Happy Birthday!

*Patricia Colby	3/12	Bill Hoffman	3/17
Libby Catanese	3/12	Eliana Lynn Berger	3/17
Pat Baker	3/14	Grayson Trees	3/18
Asia Elsbree	3/14	*Alayne Eastman	3/18
Al Fletcher	3/14	Elle Shepherd	3/18
*Sim Willey	3/14		
Kevin Andrew Houston	3/14		
Elizabeth Lowe	3/15		

Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries in our membership 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**

WATCH AT HOME
LIVESTREAM
www.vpcnaples.org/live/



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