



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 19, 2023 8:30 & 10:00 am — Fourth Sunday in Lent

The flowers on the chancel are given in thanksgiving for the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Family by Rob and Beth Marrow.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in loving memory of my parents by Gisela Yingst.

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
Molly Godley, Liturgist
Julie Carver, Pianist
David Curtiss, Baritone
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

8:30 am Service:

Ushers: Pete DeBaun (Head Usher), Dick Hilton, Pete Rodino, Mary Lynn Myers

10:00 am Service:

The Chancel Choir

Youth Acolyte: Ayden Carver

Youth Ushers: Sydney Carver & Devon Grider

Greeters: Jan Fern & Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Dianne Westerlund, Karen Chappler, Doug Dunn, Joan Butler, Becky Wheat

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Prelude: Partita on "Christ is the World's True Light"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Announcements

A Moment for Mission

The Salvation Army

* Call to Worship:

God summons us to wake up and see.

Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness.

We seek to live as children of light.

God listens to all who worship sincerely.

Praise God with openness and obedience.

We seek to know and follow God's will.

This is a day to do the works of God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #92: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ST. CHRISTOPHER

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus

I fain would take my stand,

The shadow of a mighty rock

Within a weary land;

A home within the wilderness,

A rest upon the way,

From the burning of the noontide heat,

And the burden of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus

Mine eye at times can see

The very dying form of One

Who suffered there for me;

And from my stricken heart with tears

Two wonders I confess:

The wonders of redeeming love

And my unworthiness.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Great Shepherd, we thank you for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer. We have wandered far from the paths of integrity, justice, and peace that you have set before us. We are ashamed of some things we do when we think no one will find out. We are quick to judge others and to excuse ourselves. We want to decide who is acceptable to you and who is not. Surely, we persuade ourselves, you prefer people like us and not those who appear, believe, or act differently. Even as we say those words, we know we are not in tune with your way. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. *(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

I Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah

pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: (10:00 am) "Worthy is the Lamb"

Don Wyrzten (b. 1942)

The Chancel Choir

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing!

The Gospel Reading

John 9:24-41

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

"Chosen by God"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "Living Hope"

Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson

David Curtiss, *Baritone*

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night. Then through the darkness Your loving kindness tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope. Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken, I am forgiven: The King of kings calls me His own. Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ, My living hope. Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me! You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name: Jesus Christ, my living hope. Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence: The Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me. Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me! You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

***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 Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. 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 170: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"**

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| 1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by. | For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still. |
| 2. My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake. | 4. My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows. |
| 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill; | 5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be. |

*** Commission and Blessing**

*God has drawn us out of the shadows of shame.
In the brightness of God's love, we are transformed.
We see much that we had not seen before.
We have glimpsed others from God's point of view.
God will lead us daily by still waters.
We will be guided along the right paths.
God restores our souls and keeps us from evil.
We can count on God's goodness and mercy.
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 E Minor"

Pachelbel

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

VPC NEWS

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

March 26: Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 — **Gospel:** John 11:20-28

Sermon Series: *Learning to Live Inside Out*

Sermon: *"Standing on Firm Ground"*

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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

Holy Week **SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday April 2 8:30 & 10 am – Sanctuary
Worship includes Palm Processional with Children & Youth & the Rutter "Requiem"

Maundy Thursday April 6 6 pm – Fellowship Hall
Dinner provided by Boston Beer Garden

Good Friday April 7 7pm – Sanctuary
Tenebrae with Chancel Choir, Soloists & VandeReaders

Easter Sunday April 9 6:30 am – Sunrise Outside
8 & 10 am – Sanctuary

Worship with special music & Sunday School for children & youth including Flowering of the Cross & Egg Hunt (10am)



REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONE OR SPECIAL OCCASION:

Please sponsor Fellowship Hour or Chancel flowers!

Call us!

239-597-5410



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. Contact Peggy Landon at mlandon711@gmail.com.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held **July 17-21 for age 3 through current fifth graders**. We'll celebrate VBS during Family Led Worship on **Sunday, July 23 at 10am**. Registration will open to everyone on **April 3**. *Lots of opportunities for volunteers*. Email Heather - hmikes@vpcnaples.org.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are working with the new software that will allow you access to the online version of our church directory. Please call the office if you need to contact a church member or would like to get a printed directory. We will let you know when the online version is ready for you! Thanks for understanding.

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.
- **COLLIER HARVEST - Monday, March 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.

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 to place an order. 908-910-5091 or ruthfelipe@aol.com.
- **"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10.** We should be hopeful about growing older. Stephen Ministers are equipped to help people face the challenges of aging. Many people struggle with their purpose as they age. A Stephen Minister can lend a listening ear to those who are experiencing the emotional challenges of aging.
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 249-5327 or paynegnb@comcast.net.
- **BRIDGE:** Contact the office at 594-5710.



Wednesday Night Lights

Habitat Build Challenge

March 22 - Construction
March 26 - Penny Voting



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	

Happy Birthday!

Phil Jacobus	3/19
Hans Hoppner	3/19
*Karen Talford	3/19
Maureen Clark	3/19
*Karen Hiller	3/21
Bill Cattrell	3/21
Marsha Bennett	3/22
*Carmen Campbell	3/23
*Judith Jacobs	3/24

Happy Anniversary!

Bill & Ann Hoffman	3/23
Karen & Richard Talford	3/25

***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!

Dedicate **EASTER LILIES** in honor or memory of your loved ones. Any amount is appreciated. Just complete the form, available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, with your donation marked "Easter Lilies". To be included in the bulletin, please return by **April 3, 2023**.
Questions?
Call Barbara Bonavita at 597-5410.

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)

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**



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