



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 26, 2023 8:30 & 10:00 am — Fifth Sunday in Lent
Family Led Worship**

The flowers on the chancel are given in memory of our father and grandfather, John David Rist.
Love, Leslie, Andrew and Thomas.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Vayda Family.

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
Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

8:30 am Service:

Liturgist: Sue Van Fossen
Ushers: Price & Carol Lindsay (Head Ushers),
Ben Hood, Carline Lobban

10:00 am Service:

Liturgist: Jim Muir
Youth Liturgist: Riley Mikes
The Chancel Choir
Youth Acolyte: Carter Mikes
Youth Ushers: Devon Grider & Riley Mikes
Greeters: Becky Wheat & Priscilla Kutler
Ushers: Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Dick
Clark, Pat Rose, Joe Trees, Ron & Linda Addaman,
George Morton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Prelude: "Adagio in D Minor"
"Mediaeval Pageant"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Frances Clark (1905-1998)

Amber Grider, Pianist

Announcements

A Moment for Mission

Café of Life

* Call to Worship:

The Spirit breathes life into our dry bones.

God offers hope when we have lost our way.

Our souls wait for the refreshment God offers.

Our spirits are filled with great expectation.

Christ came as a light to all the world.

Christ comes among us today to light our way.

We hear the teacher calling for us.

Christ unbinds us that we may see and believe.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #101: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

1. **When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

2. **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

3. **See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

4. **Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Hear our prayers, the confession of our neglect, the admission of our desire to rule in your place. Like the house of Israel in Ezekiel's time, we are cut off from communion with you. We are like dead people, going through the motions of living. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start. We long to know you and to live in reverence before you. By your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities and raise us up to serve you, in Jesus' name. (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.

Special Music: "Sanctuary"

John Thompson & Randy Scruggs

Julie Carver, Olivia Carver, Andrea Daggett, Hattie Mikes, Scarlett Mullen

**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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall

live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: (10:00 am) “Hymn of Peace”

Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

The Chancel Choir

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; Leave to thy God to order and provide. In every change He faithful will remain. Be still my soul: the hour is hastening on when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone. Be still, my soul: When change and tears are past. Be still, my soul: all blessed shall meet at last. Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise; acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways. So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye. Be still, my soul.

The Gospel Reading

John 11:20-28

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series: “Learning to Live Inside Out”

“Standing on Firm Ground”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "Guide My Feet"

arr. Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)

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 A Declaration of Faith

Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen. 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 #93: "Ah, Holy Jesus"**

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| <p>1. Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment
has on You descended? By foes derided,
by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!</p> <p>2. Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon You?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You;
I crucified You.</p> | <p>3. For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation,
Your death of anguish and Your bitter
passion, For my salvation.</p> <p>4. Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You,
I do adore You, and will ever praise You,
Think on Your pity and Your love
unswerving,
Not my deserving.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

*We are freed from all that has bound us.
The Spirit sends us out in trust and joy.
The Spirit dwells in us and empowers us.
The light of Christ will show us the way.
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: "Voluntary in C Major"

John Stanley (1712-1786)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

VPC NEWS

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

April 2, 2023: Palm Sunday Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-11

Worship includes Palm Processional & the Rutter *Requiem*



Holy^TWeek 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)



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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



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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- **A CHURCH TOUR** is available on **Sunday, March 26**. Look for the **blue shirts!** Tours depart from the sanctuary **after the 10am** service. Come and explore the facility, you might be surprised at what you learn! Members, visitors, everyone is welcome. Order your own shirt!
- *"Listen to me, oh house of Jacob, all you who remain in the house of Israel, you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and carried since your birth. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."* Isaiah 46:3-4. Scripture supports what **STEPHEN MINISTERS** offer. God created us and sustains us. Stephen Ministers are trained and commissioned to support the scriptures.
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 249-5327

Easter Lilies

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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

- **FRIENDS IN FAITH** will meet on **Wednesday, March 29, 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.
- **MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on **Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library.
- **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.



Wednesday Night Lights

Habitat Build Challenge

March 22 - Construction
March 26 - Penny Voting



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EASTER CARDS

from the recycled card stand!

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONE OR SPECIAL OCCASION: Please sponsor Fellowship Hour or Chancel flowers! Call us! **239-597-5410**

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**.
- **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. Email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.com.

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



Happy Birthday!

Lynn Greenblatt	3/26	Nancy Miller	3/30
Linda Parker	3/26	Ron Shaffer	3/31
Bruce Hobbs	3/27	*Kathryn Leaming	4/1
Ruth Schulte	3/27	Marion Wayenberg	4/1
Brendan Barber	3/27		
Pamela Barber	3/27		
Julianne Hobbs	3/28		
Dave Curtiss	3/29		
Eliza Nevin	3/30		



Happy Anniversary!

Russell & Kathleen Vance	3/27
Ann Parker & Kevin Foote	3/28
Dick & Susie Hilton	4/1

***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)

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

February 28, 2023 YTD

	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 348,849
Expenses	\$ 233,448
Net	\$ 115,401