

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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The church is a member of the Peace River Presbytery, the Synod of South Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) — OneLicense.net # A-719387



March 5, 2023 8:30 & 10:00 am — Second Sunday in Lent

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of my dear husband, Ed, by Joan Haller.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in loving memory of Ed Haller by the "VPC Sunshiners."

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
Mary Lynn Myers, Liturgist
Julie Carver, Pianist
David Curtiss, Baritone
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

8:30 am Service:
Ushers: Pete De Baun (Head Usher), Jill Peterson, Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Communion Servers: Bill & Sue VanFossen
 Margaret Waters

10:00 am Service:
The Chancel Choir
Youth Acolyte: Wyatt Gersch
Youth Ushers: Alyssa Gersch and Devon Grider
Greeters: Karen Hiller & Geri Payne
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Steve Blad, Tim Hall, Mike Swain, Joe Trees, Dianne Westerlund, Gisela Yingst
Communion Servers: Mike Bevilaqua, Julie & Greg Borden, Joe & Sharon Doggett, Jan Fern, Tim Hall, Janet Minch, Pete Rodino, Reggie Smith

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Prelude: “Meditation”

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Announcements

A Moment for Mission

Andrea McKenna, Habitat for Humanity of Collier County

* Call to Worship:

We are sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah.

We trust in God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

We are followers of Jesus, who proclaimed God’s realm.

We are born of the Spirit , born from above.

Our lives are a gift from God, who loves us.

By the grace of God, we are born anew each day.

God loved the world in the gift of Jesus Christ.

Through faith in Christ, we receive eternal life.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #80: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

LONESOME VALLEY

- 1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him,
He had to walk it by Himself.**
- 2. We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves;**

- O, nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.**
- 3. You must go and stand your trial,
You have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
You have to stand it by yourself.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, we confess that we have been far more ready to say we believe than to trust you to lead us to new ventures of faithfulness. We are afraid of the evil that surrounds us. We fear rejection, failure, and ridicule. We admire Jesus, but it is difficult to follow in footsteps that lead to a cross. In the midst of life as we know it here, how can we catch glimpses of eternity? Save us, we pray, from our timidity, and use our doubts as an entry to deeper faith. (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

Genesis 12:1-4

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: (10:00 am) "God So Loved the World"

John Stainer (1840-1901)

The Chancel Choir

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, That whoso believeth in Him should not perish, But have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, But that the world through Him might be saved.

The Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

"On the Move"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

David Curtiss, *Baritone*

***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**

Pastoral Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*** The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion: "Aria"

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Hymn #81: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"**

ST. FLAVIAN

**1. Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins,
And close by Thee to stay.**

**2. As Thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight,
In Thee to conquer sin.**

Continued

3. **And through these days of penitence,
And through Thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.**

4. **Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering over-past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!**

*** Commission and Blessing**

We rejoice that God has gathered us for worship.

Now we depart to go where God sends us.

We are God's messengers wherever we go.

We are called to be Christian in all our dealings.

In our work and in our leisure, may we serve faithfully.

By God's grace, we are empowered so to do.

With joy, we will go where God sends us.

With confidence, we will share our faith with others.

Alleluia.

Amen.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

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.

Postlude: "Chaconne in D Minor"

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

VPC NEWS

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

March 12: Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 — **Gospel:** John 4:5-14

Sermon Series: *Learning to Live Inside Out* — **Sermon:** *"Refreshing Water"*

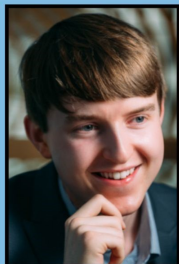
*We are saddened to announce the death of **Judy Malone** on February 25, 2023. Judy, and her husband, Steve Blad, have been members of Vanderbilt for over 20 years. Please keep Steve and his family in your prayers at this difficult time. A memorial service will be held at a later date.*

To send a card to Steve Blad: 28470 Meadowlark Ln., Bonita Springs, FL 34134

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 after 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. Childcare provided.
- **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

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.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONE OR SPECIAL OCCASION:

Please sponsor Fellowship Hour or the 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. 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.
- **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 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.

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**. What kinds of life challenges do Stephen Ministers offer care for? Primarily, Stephen Ministers offer care to those experiencing grief and depression. Stephen Ministers also help those who are lonely and going through life transitions. If you or anyone you know, may be in need of a trained, caring Stephen Minister, please contact the church office or Pastor Rob.
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or paynegnb@comcast.net.
- **BRIDGE:** Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or nanjan69@gmail.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.

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



Happy Anniversary!

John & Susanne
Pender
3/7

Happy Birthday!

Bill Dersch	3/5
Charles Rainbolt	3/5
*Ellen Tanner	3/7
*Sonia McDonald	3/7
Margaret Swaby	3/7
*Riley Grider	3/10
Bruce Baker	3/10
*Hattie Mikes	3/11

***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 join us in celebrating the birthdays of the newest members of VPC!

Laura Reardon 1/25
 Karen Rodino 2/2
 Connie Hawkins 2/26
 *Ellen Tanner 3/7

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.

<p>ENSIGN Francis Alvares US Navy, Pensacola, FL (Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)</p> <p>MSgt Kristopher Chesslo USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)</p> <p>LT Wyatt R. Dawley US Navy Intel/SEAL Team (Debbie Dawley's grandson)</p> <p>MAJ Allen Fujinaka US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)</p>	<p>CPTN Jennifer Giles USMC, Philippines (Mary Giles' granddaughter)</p> <p>CPTN Jeremy Giles US Army Special Forces, Ft. Bragg, NC (Mary Giles' grandson)</p> <p>COL Jessica D. Grassetti (Claudia Polzin's niece)</p> <p>1st LT Jacob Guzman US Army—South Korea (Cesar Guzman's son)</p>	<p>CPTN Devon Hennessey Korea (Toni Hubbard)</p> <p>Nolan Kelly US Army - Private First Class Fort Sill, OK</p> <p>SGT Wesley Kennedy USMC - Okinawa, Japan</p>
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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