



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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April 16, 2023 10:00 am — The Second Sunday of Easter

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of Judy Malone by Steve Blad.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Jim & Lois Ann Folliard.

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*
Jerry Grandey, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
Gordon Black, *Pianist*

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
The Chancel Choir
Youth Acolyte: Carter Mikes
Youth Ushers: Devon Grider & Riley Mikes
Greeters: Becky Wheat & Priscilla Kutler
Ushers: Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Joan Butler, Sonja Cookson, Dianne Westerlund, Doug Dunn

CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED *Alleluia*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 111

¹ Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

Prelude: "Sanctus"

Charles Gounod (1818 -1893)

Gordon Black, *Piano*

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

We come again to celebrate resurrection.

God gives us new birth into a living hope.

Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.

God shows us the path of life.

Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.

Come to receive life in Christ's name.

We rejoice in God's amazing good news.

In God's presence, we find fullness of joy.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #108: "Christ is Alive!"

TRURO

- 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**
- 2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,**

- But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.**
- 3. Not throned afar, remotely high,
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.**

Continued

4. In every insult, rift and war,
Where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand. Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making. We are so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated. Goodness is crucified by our narrow prejudices, and our doubts plunge us into despair. Be to us a refuge, granting us courage to face the questions that haunt us until they lead to deeper understanding. *(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 Mission

New Horizons

A Moment for Children

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

1 Peter 1:3-9

¹ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is

imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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Message: *Sermon Series "A Living Hope"*

"Fullness of Joy"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: *"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"*

Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

The Chancel Choir

Anthem text is found in our hymnal at hymn 106.

*** 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 #104: "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"**

HYMN TO JOY

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| <p>1. Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.</p> <p>2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.</p> | <p>Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.</p> <p>3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna, everyone!</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

Jesus says to us again: Peace be with you.

As God has sent me, so I send you.

We receive God's peace into our lives.

We will go where Christ sends 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: "Easter Chimes"

Charles Demorest

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK - 10am

April 23, 2023: Third Sunday of Easter

Sermon Series: A Living Hope

Sermon: "We Are Set Free"

First Reading: I Peter 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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Join us for Worship

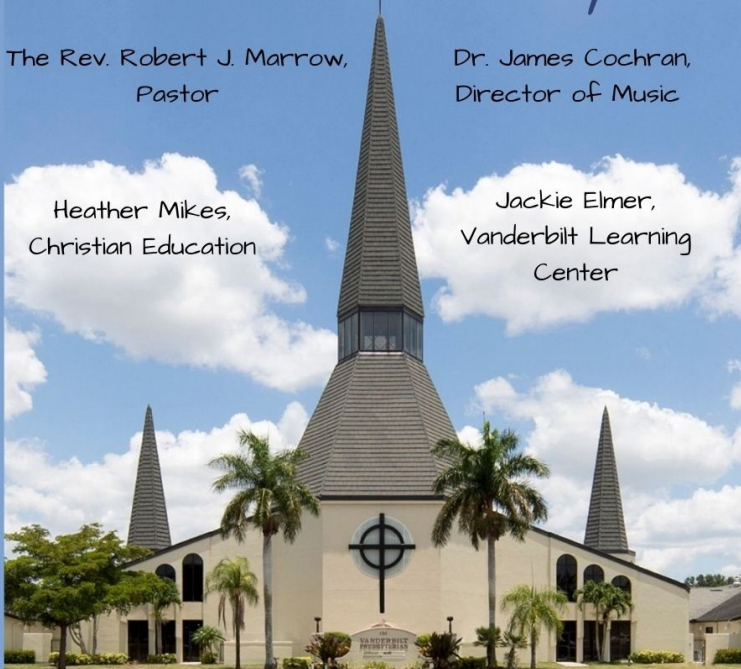
Sunday, April 16, 2023
10:00 am Worship

Sunday 10:00 am - traditional
worship with choir - includes
Children's Moment, Sunday School
and childcare

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- **ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP!** Are you interested in joining our church family? Please join us for worship **April 16 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 **April 23** with Pastor Rob.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

- **MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY** meets on **Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held **July 17-21 from 9am - 12pm** for age 3 through current fifth graders.
Registration is OPEN to everyone - students, friends, family and community! Volunteers needed!
Email Heather - hmikes@vpcnaples.org.
- **VPC BOOK CLUB** meets **April 17 at 11:45am** at Boston Beer Garden for a luncheon and discussion of *Lucy by the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- **STEPHEN MINISTERS** are members of our congregation who provide one-to-one caring ministry to people experiencing grief, divorce, loneliness, job loss hospitalizations and many other life difficulties. If you or a loved one need a confidential, Christian caregiver:
www.stephenministries.org can provide testimony to the caring relationship provided by a Stephen Minister.
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 249-5327 or paynegnb@comcast.net.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU! - FLYERS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

- **NEW HORIZONS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA** has a goal to successfully change the lives of under-resourced students by providing tutoring, mentoring and faith-building programs at its trusted neighborhood clubs. On **Sunday, April 16**, Wendy Webber will give our Moment for Mission during the worship service. She will also bring a choir of children from New Horizons to sing for us!
- **COLLIER HARVEST FOUNDATION** is dedicated to providing healthy and nutritious food to our hungry neighbors across Collier County. Our next packing event is **Monday, April 24th at 5pm** at 4451 Mercantile Ave. Volunteers help pack bags of groceries for students in need. Email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.com for more information.
- **CAFÉ OF LIFE:** The VPC Mission Team is hosting a meal on **Friday, April 28th at 9:45am**. Join us 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.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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


REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONE OR SPECIAL OCCASION

Please sponsor Fellowship Hour or Chancel flowers! Call us!

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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	Carol Harper	Moka	CC Waskey
Rich Annunziata	The Harrison Family	Jeff Moon	Joanne Whitman
Charlyn Bonk	Susie Hilton	Mark Pratt	The Wood Family
Adriana Caruso	Sonny Hurst	The Family of Kostas Schizas	The Wynn Family
Marlene Everson	Sandra Johnson	Carol & Pete Schwiars	
Alan Fletcher	Chester Kauffman	Lou & Mary Thompson on the death	
Nadine Gaylord	Marilyn McKee	of Lou's brother, William.	

Happy Birthday!

Jonathan Raskauskas	4/16
*Ells Bowser	4/17
David Rohde	4/17
Robert Conrad	4/19
Joseph Bostater	4/19
Dick Clark	4/19
Sterling Desorcy	4/20
Lillia Guttshall	4/20
Ruth Felipe	4/20

Lauren Raskauskas	4/21
Tracey Barry	4/21
*Jack Tanner	4/22
Ayden Carver	4/22
*Jill Dunn	4/22
*Scott Cunningham	4/22

Happy Anniversary!

Ells & Joanne Bowser	4/17
Bayne & Myrna Carew	4/22



***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**



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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