



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 23, 2023 10:00 am — The Third Sunday of Easter

The flowers on the chancel are given by the Grider Family.
"Wishing you a Happy Spring!"

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Deacons.

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
Gwen Salyer, Liturgist
Julie Carver, Pianist
Gordon Black, Pianist
Virginia Garner Cullison, Violinist

Connie Weiss, Oboist
John Weiss, Cellist
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
The Chancel Choir
Youth Acolyte: Ayden Carver
Youth Ushers: Ayden Carver & Sydney Carver
Greeters: Jan Fern & Geri Payne
Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Ron & Linda Addaman, Price & Carol Lindsay, George Morton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-10

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
⁵ Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.
⁶ This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD and was saved from every trouble.
⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.
⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
⁹ O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Prelude: From Trio Sonata No. 3 in E-Flat Major for Oboe, Violin, Cello and Piano G. F. Handel
Adagio & Alla breve (1685-1759)
Gordon Black, *Piano*, Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*, Connie Weiss, *Oboe*, John Weiss, *Cello*

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life.

Let us set our faith and hope in God.

In one another's presence, we renew our vows.

Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.

God's promises to us are ancient and ever new.

God is with us there and on all the roads we travel.

Together we lift our voices in songs of praise.

Together we recognize we are precious in God's sight.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #113: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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| 1. "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! | 3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia! |
| 2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia! | 4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia! |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, we confess that we rush through our days without recognizing your presence with us. We follow our busy diversions without reference to your will for us. We strive for financial success and personal recognition, while you call for obedience to truth and genuine mutual love. Purify our souls, we pray, and redirect our priorities. May we be born anew through your living and enduring word. (*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

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 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²² Now

that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: From Trio Sonata No. 3 in E-Flat Major for Oboe, Violin, Cello and Piano Handel
Andante

Gordon Black, *Piano*, Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*, Connie Weiss, *Oboe*, John Weiss, *Cello*

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Sermon Series "A Living Hope"*

"We Are Set Free"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Recognition of New Members

Offering

Offertory: "You are the Light"

Tom Fettke (b. 1941)

The Chancel Choir

You are the light we see. You are the Truth we know. You are the Life we live. You are the Hope, You are the Joy, You are the Song we sing. Living God, loving God, We glorify Your name. High and Holy One come down, We lift our hearts in praise. Prince of Peace, Immanuel. Jesus, Lord of Love. Within our hearts—Your light. Within our minds Your truth. Within our lives—Your love; Living Your hope, spreading Your joy, Singing Your beautiful song: Singing Your beautiful song. Your song.

*** 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

In life and death we belong to God. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! 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 #115: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

ST. KEVIN

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| <p>1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them, with unmoistened foot,
Through the Red Sea waters.</p> | <p>2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ has burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem,
And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

Christ is alive in our midst.

Christ goes with us along all life's roads.

We go out to serve in Christ's name.

May the love of Christ find expression in 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: From Trio Sonata No. 3 in E-Flat Major for Oboe, Violin, Cello and Piano

Handel

Allegro

Gordon Black, *Piano*, Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*, Connie Weiss, *Oboe*, John Weiss, *Cello*

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

April 30, 2023: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Michael Butler

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 — Gospel: John 10:1-10

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.

THANK YOU!!

**March was Habitat for Humanity
Month at VPC!**

We raised \$26,983 at Vanderbilt and Habitat received \$36,921 directly.

Making our grand total \$63,904!

We will continue to accept donations toward our \$100,00 goal!

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Margaret Piano** on April 13, 2023. Marge joined Vanderbilt in 2015 and enjoyed worship as well as helping at the front desk. No memorial service has been planned.*

*We recently became aware of the death of **Gary Shepherd** on December 14, 2022 at the age of 94. He and his wife, Elle, joined Vanderbilt in 2020. Please keep the Piano and Shepherd families in your prayers.*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- **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.
- **STEPHEN MINISTERS** are commissioned to equip the Saints work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 249-5327 or paynegnb@comcast.net.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS! Janie and Jack Ballurio have joined VPC as full time members by letter of transfer from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Staunton, VA. They have two grown sons and two grandsons. Jack worked for the State of Virginia in rehabilitation services and counseling. Janie owned a bookstore and enjoys community theater and choir (Janie is already in our choir)! Both Janie and Jack enjoy pickleball!



HELP US CELEBRATE GRADUATES!

If you have a senior graduating from high school, college, grad school or beyond, (or moving up from preschool, kindergarten, fifth grade or eighth grade) we want to help mark these significant educational milestones. This includes grandchildren! Send us a picture and short paragraph including their name, school and grade they are graduating/moving up from and the school they are heading to. Please include family information of proud parents, siblings and/or grandparents. We will honor them on Graduation **Sunday, May 21**. Please email submissions by **May 7** to Heather (hmikes@vpcnaples.org).

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU! - FLYERS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

- **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.
- **THANK YOU!** We collected **\$495** for One Great Hour of Sharing!



DONATE



Please help us help our Cuban friends.

We are collecting **monetary donations** to help the Presbyterian Church in Perico and Matanzas Presbytery. Pastor Rob is going to Cuba in May and will take supplies to our partner church. We have a very specific list of requests, so we are only taking monetary donations.

"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great."

Proverbs 18:16

Give online, by check or cash.

Be sure to mark "Cuba" on your gift.



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

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	Nadine Gaylord	Moka	The Wood Family
Rich Annunziata	Max Gould	Jeff Moon	The Wynn Family
Charlyn Bonk	Carol Harper	Mark Pratt	
Adriana Caruso	Sonny Hurst	The Family of Kostas Schizas	
Annette Dietrich	Sandra Johnson	Carol & Pete Schwiers	
Marlene Everson	Chester Kauffman	CC Waskey	
Alan Fletcher	Marilyn McKee	Joanne Whitman	



Happy Birthday!

*Dick Hilton	4/23
*Reggie Smith	4/23
Bob Ruesch	4/23
Al Todd	4/24
*Carolyn Elmore	4/24
*David Gibson	4/25
Joan Butler	4/25
Wendy Baker	4/26
Richard Grunert	4/27
*Jim Hart	4/29



***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!

Happy Anniversary!

Price & Carol Lindsay	4/25
Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen	4/29
Dennis & Alice Lebo	4/29
Ron & Linda Addaman	4/29



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. Grasseti

(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