



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 30, 2023 10:00 am — The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of our mother and grandmother,
Jo Bacon Rist, by Leslie, Andrew and Thomas.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Carol & Price Lindsay.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Michael Butler, *Guest Preacher*
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*
Bill Payne, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
The Chancel Choir
Youth Acolyte: Ayden Carver
Youth Ushers: Sydney Carver & Devon Grider
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Geri Payne
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head
Ushers), Pat & Tim Peters, Joe Trees, Nancy Guthy

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God;
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prelude: "Aria in F Major"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Praise God for all the signs of new life.

Praise God for all we can do together.

Praise God for the life and ministry of Jesus.

Praise God for all who share that ministry today.

Christ came to offer us abundant life.

We are here today to reclaim that gift.

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

We want to follow in the steps of Jesus.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #482: "Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

- 1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!**
- 2. Praise ye the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,**

- yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**
- 3. Praise ye the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, we do not want to admit that our possessions possess us. Yet we do seem captive to all the things we have acquired and all the things we want. We are reluctant to share too much, lest we be deprived of the comforts we cherish. We do not want to suffer for our faith. There are limits to our willingness to follow Jesus. O God, help us trust you beyond these limits.

(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

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Abundant Life?"

The Rev. Michael Butler

Offering

Offertory: "Brother James's Air"

Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

The Chancel Choir

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. He leadeth me, the quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make Within the paths of blessedness, Ev'n for His own Name's sake. Yea, though I pass through shadows death, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me; and Thy rod And staff me comfort still. My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head with oil thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days Will surely follow me; And in my father's heart always My dwelling place shall be. And in my heart forevermore, thy dwelling place shall be.

*** 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**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake—Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 #172: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**

RESIGNATION

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| <p>1. My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name: In pastures fresh He makes me feed, Beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back When I forsake His ways, And leads me, for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.</p> <p>2. When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay; One word of Your supporting breath Drives all my fears away.</p> | <p>Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.</p> <p>3. The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days; O may Your house be my abode, And all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come; No more a stranger, or a guest, But like a child at home.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

Easter continues, for Christ lives in us.

Jesus came that we might have abundant life.

We find our lives in giving them to others.

In Christ, we discover the joy of service.

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: "The Emperor's Fanfare"

Antonio Soler (1729-1783)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES
FOR NEXT WEEK**

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher:

The Rev. Melana Scruggs

Sermon: "Christ, the Cornerstone"

First Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Carol Schwiers** on April 24, 2023. Carol, and her husband, Pete, have been members of Vanderbilt for over 19 years. Carol was a very active in the church and served on many teams as well as engaging in the education ministry of our church. Please keep Pete 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 Pete: 8496 Laurel Lakes Blvd
Naples, FL 34119

NEW MISSION OPPORTUNITY FLYER!

Looking for something to do this summer?

Keep active with our Mission Team!

Take home your copy inside your bulletin!

Pick up an extra copy for your friends in the Narthex.



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).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE - For May 14, 2023

The Session, at its April 23 meeting approved a request of the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) to hold a Congregational meeting on Sunday, May 14, immediately following the 10am worship service for the purpose of electing an Elder to fill an unexpired term beginning June 1, 2023.

Richard A. Hilton, Clerk of Session

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

- **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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- **STEPHEN MINISTERS** are trained caregivers who:
 - ⇒ Listen actively and carefully
 - ⇒ Pray with another person
 - ⇒ Share from the Bible naturally and comfortable during a conversation
 - ⇒ Speak words of comfort, encouragement, forgiveness, and hope.
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 249-5327 or paynegnb@comcast.net.



Surplus Food Pick Up & Delivery

Are you looking for ways to make a difference in our community? **THEN WE NEED YOU!**

Collier Harvest is in need of volunteers who can pick up surplus food from designated retail outlets (EX: Publix, Sams, etc.) and deliver the food to our local agencies.

Volunteers must have a current driver's license & their own vehicle. Morning hours. Permanent & fill in routes available.

If interested, please email info@collierharvest.org. Thank you!

THANK YOU MICHAEL BUTLER!

We welcome The Rev. Michael Butler to our pulpit today. Michael Butler is a recently retired United Methodist Pastor who has served United Methodist churches in Ohio, Indiana, and Florida. He and Pastor Rob serve together on the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance Board of Directors. He will have information about the IFHA after our service and in Fellowship Hall.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

CHECK OUT THE NEW FLYER FOR SUMMER OPTIONS!

- **COLLIER HARVEST FOUNDATION** is dedicated to providing healthy and nutritious food to our hungry neighbors across Collier County. Our next packing event is **Monday, May 22nd 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, May 26th at 9am**. 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.

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| Sharon Acx | Max Gould | Jeff Moon | The Wynn Family |
| Rich Annunziata | Carol Harper | Mark Pratt | |
| Charlyn Bonk | Sonny Hurst | The Schwiers Family | |
| Adriana Caruso | Sandra Johnson | John Shea & Family | |
| Marlene Everson | Chester Kauffman | CC Waskey | |
| Alan Fletcher | Marilyn McKee | Joanne Whitman | |
| Nadine Gaylord | Moka | The Wood Family | |



Happy Birthday!

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| Katherine Barkley Willis | 5/2 | Kyle Vayda | 5/3 |
| Barbara Hurst | 5/2 | Alice Lebo | 5/5 |
| Joanne Whitman | 5/2 | Clifford Swaby | 5/5 |
| *Marie Jablonski | 5/2 | *Lillian Day | 5/5 |
| *Lewis Bevan | 5/3 | Stacia Hinkler | 5/5 |
| Bill Van Fossen | 5/3 | *Judy Peabody | 5/6 |
| Joe Feddern | 5/3 | Jane Raskauskas | 5/6 |

Happy Anniversary!

Clifford & Margaret Swaby
5/1
Michael & Caroline Thomas
5/1
Scott & Mary Wollaston
5/4



***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.

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| <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. Grasseti (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>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!"**