



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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**May 21, 2023 10:00 am — The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Family Led Worship — Graduation Sunday**

The flowers on the chancel are given in celebration of Amber's birthday by the Grider Family.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Education Ministry Team.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Lisa Lefkow, *C.E.O. of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County & 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*
Susie Hilton, *Liturgist*
Riley Mikes, *Youth Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*

The Chancel Choir
Enrique Miranda, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Youth Acolyte: Carter Mikes
Youth Ushers: Sydney Carver, Devon Grider
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Becky Wheat
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head Ushers), Ron & Linda Addaman, Carline Lobban, Nancy Guthy

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 21:1-7

¹ In your strength the king rejoices, O LORD,
and in your help how greatly he exults!

² You have given him his heart's desire
and have not withheld the request of his lips.

³ For you meet him with rich blessings;
you set a crown of fine gold on his head.

⁴ He asked you for life; you gave it to him—
length of days forever and ever.

⁵ His glory is great through your help;
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.

⁶ You bestow on him blessings forever;
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

⁷ For the king trusts in the LORD,
and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Prelude: "Springtime in the Alps," "Musical Moment" and "Distant Rainbow"
Sebastian Aguilar, *Piano*

Various

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Sing to God; sing praises to God's name.

Let all the nations bow down to worship God.

God is ruler over all creation.

God reigns over earth and the farthest heavens.

Here we pray together for God's guidance.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness.

God draws us together as one people.

We can experience eternity in the midst of time.

Let us worship God.

* **Hymn #423:** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

DUKE STREET

**1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2. To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;**

**His name, like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.**

**4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, if we suffer, it is usually not because of our loyalty to Christ. When we are glad and shout for joy, it is seldom because we want to celebrate your presence with us. We even forget to say thank-you when, by the power and strength you give us, we accomplish some cherished goal. Our lives are not focused on realizing your rule of love on earth, as in heaven. O God, receive our confession and help us to discipline ourselves in caring discipleship, 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: Celebrating our Children & Families Moving Up!

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹ Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. ² As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. ³ But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. ⁴ Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD—be exultant before him. ⁵ Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. ⁶ God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land. ⁷ O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, ⁸ the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of

God, the God of Israel. ⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; ¹⁰ your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. ³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, ³³ O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. ³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies. ³⁵ Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "On Display"

The Rev. Lisa Lefkow

Offering

Offertory: "Surely the Presence"

Lanny Wolfe (b. 1942)

The Chancel Choir

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings. I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. All praise to our redeeming Lord; Who joins us by His grace. And bids us, each to each restored, Together seek His face. And if our fellowship below In Jesus be so sweet, What greater blessing shall we know When round His throne we meet?

*** 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**

Acts 1:6-8

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 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 #361: "How Firm a Foundation"**

FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in
God's excellent Word!
What more can be said
than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee,
O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
- and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
5. "The soul that on Jesus
hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

*** Commission and Blessing**

Go now to share that love to strengthen others.

Trust God and be alert to life's possibilities.

God dwells among us and unites us in Christ.

In this faith is our deepest joy.

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: "Prelude in C Major"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

May 28, 2023 — Pentecost Sunday

Sermon: "He Breathed on Them"

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

THANK YOU LISA LEFKOW!

We welcome The Rev. Lisa Lefkow to our pulpit today. Lisa is the C.E.O. of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County and a Deacon at Cornerstone United Methodist Church and is well known to our congregation. Thank you for leading our worship service today!



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**



Nursery Ministry for infants through age 2 and Sunday School for children and youth in PreK-3 through High School will meet all summer! With the help of our incredible families and volunteers, Sunday school classes will continue to meet following the Children's Moment each Sunday. Children and families are always welcome to worship together in the Sanctuary too. Lots of ways and places to learn and grow! Children's bulletins and coloring pages are always available in the Narthex. If you are interested in teaching Sunday school this summer or fall for children or adults, please let us know! hmikes@vpcnaples.org. Save the Date: Fall Education Kick Off is September 10.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Many thanks to our amazing volunteers for helping our families, children and youth grow in faith. We are blessed by an amazing team of Sunday school teachers including Rebecca Acx, Amber Grider, Jason Mikes, Jill Peterson and Brooke Vayda. We are also grateful for our children and youth group leaders who help us shine during Wednesday Night Lights including volunteers like Ellen Crown, Jackie Elmer, Molly Godley, Amber Grider, Lindsey Manring, Jason Mikes, Pete Rodino and Sue & Bill Van Fossen, as well as our dedicated staff members. We appreciate our families who have generously donated to dinner, dessert and fun. Thank you to our church family, Elder Amber Grider and the entire Education Ministry Team for your constant support and encouragement.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dates:
July 17-21

Time:
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Information:
Heather Mikes
hmikes@vpcnaples.org

Registration Opens April 3
www.myvbs.org/vpc2023/

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

VBS Needs Y-O-U! Share God's love with children this summer! Vacation Bible School is loads of fun and full of lasting impact for everyone involved. So many ways to serve: adults, collegiate, middle school and high school students. Email Heather - hmikes@vpcnaples.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC

- GET YOUR FREE TICKETS NOW!** Artis—Naples is presenting a Free Chamber Concert featuring members of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra on **Friday, June 2, 2023 at 7pm** in the Sanctuary at Vanderbilt! The concert includes works by: Boccherini, Bartók, McCarthy, Muczynski. Many familiar faces will be playing including Matthew Sonneborn, Blair Francis Paponiu and Ryan Little. Go online to the Artis—Naples website to reserve your free tickets now! www.artisnaples.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP

Why do **STEPHEN MINISTERS** care for others? In Ephesians 4:1, the apostle Paul gives us the answer, "live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

MAH JONGG: Contact Geri Payne at 249-5327 or paynegnb@comcast.net.

PLEASE HELP US SAVE LIVES AT OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE!

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9AM- 12PM

CALL THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE A TIME.
597-5410.

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MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

- COLLIER HARVEST FOUNDATION:** 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.
- COLLIER HARVEST** is in need of volunteers who can pick up surplus food from retail outlets and deliver the food to local agencies. To help, email info@collierharvest.org.
- CAFÉ OF LIFE:** **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 | Nadine Gaylord | Sandra Johnson | Marilyn & Sam Scheller |
| Rich Annunziata | Lori W. Godwin | Chester Kauffman | Ursel Stanley |
| Charlyn Bonk | Max Gould | Robbie Landon | Aysegul Timur, President of FGCU |
| Adriana Caruso | Seth Hall & Alyssa | The Marshall Family | Wes |
| Carrie Crispin | Hall Morris - Happy | Jeff Moon | The Wood Family |
| Louise Eliot | 49th Birthday! | Bill Payne | Maggie Woodruff |
| Marlene Everson | The Harper & Evans | Leah Ray | |
| | Families | | |

Happy Birthday!

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| *Amber Grider | 5/21 |
| *Fred Schulz | 5/23 |
| Daniel Westerlund | 5/23 |
| *Jim Campbell | 5/24 |
| Dot Williams | 5/26 |
| Cohen Vayda | 5/26 |
| Alicia Farman | 5/26 |
| Wendi-Anne MacKinlay | 5/26 |
| Jayce Brian Vanhorn Wood | 5/27 |
| Bud Getman | 5/27 |
| *Stephen Schock | 5/27 |



Happy Anniversary!

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| Chuck & Heidi Holley | 5/22 | Bill & Jodi Reckmeyer | 5/24 |
| Stan & Linda Swihart | 5/23 | Brian & Julie Carver | 5/25 |

***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!"