



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 28, 2023 10:00 am — The Day of Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are given by Doris and Bob Martin in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary and in loving memory of Carol by the Schwiers Family.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Grider Family in honor of Jackie Elmer's retirement and in celebration of the end of a great school year!

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*

Stanley Leonard, *Timpanist*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Dick Clark
Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Sonja Cookson, Steve Blad, Anne Smith, Dianne Westerlund, Doug Dunn

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 104:24-35

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ There is the sea, great and wide;

creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷ These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

³² who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Praise the LORD!

Prelude: "The Rejoicing"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of the Lord"

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Stanley Leonard, Timpani

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

How amazing is the power God gives us.

How manifold are the works of our Creator.

The breath of God fills us with confidence.

The Spirit creates new life within and among us.

God calls us to be dreamers and prophets.

God gives us a vision for a world of peace.

May the glory of God endure forever.

We will sing praise to God as long as we live.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #129: "Come, O Spirit, dwell among us"

EBENEZER

**1. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.**

**Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.**

Continued

2. We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.

3. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, we are frightened by strange tongues and people out of control. We want to manage our own lives and assure our own safety. We are afraid that you will ask more of us than we are willing to risk. We do not want others to consider us strange or fanatical. We are skeptical of dreams and visions. We cannot trust some people you ask us to love. We want to believe, but how can we know that you are more than our collective imagination, a hope we cling to in our despair? Help us God. *(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 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

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."

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Thanks be to God.

Message: "He Breathed on Them"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Offering

Offertory: "Song for the Unsung Hero"

Joseph M. Martin (b. 1959)

The Chancel Choir

Let us sing for unsung heroes, those who lay their dreams aside. Choosing honor more than glory. Pledging faith with quiet pride. Those whose uniform is courage, yet are unashamed of tears. Finding in their love of freedom power stronger than their fears. Sing a song for unsung heroes, sing from sea to shining sea. As the faithful sang before you, sing the song of liberty. Let us sing for unsung heroes, those who answered freedom's call. Those united by one purpose, all for one and one for all. We will sing and not be silenced, we will keep our voices strong, for as long as we keep singing, freedom's cry will still live on.

* 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

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 #564: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

MATERNA

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on
thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
3. O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine.

4. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears! America!
America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

* Commission and Blessing

May the empowerment of Pentecost continue with us.

May the Spirit lead and guide us every day.

We have found renewal in our time together.

Now God sends us forth to serve in Jesus' name.

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.

* Congregational Postlude: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

William Steffe (1830-1890)

We encourage everyone to sing along.

Mine eyes have seen the glory Of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage Where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning Of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! (3 times) His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet That shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men Before His judgement seat; Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; Be jubilant, my feet;

Our God is marching on. **Refrain.**

TRINITY SUNDAY



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

June 4, 2023 — Trinity Sunday Sermon: "Worship Him"

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20



THANK YOU JACKIE ELMER!

JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION!

After nearly two decades of service at the helm of the Vanderbilt Learning Center, Mrs. Jackie Elmer is retiring. We are thankful for all the ways she has faithfully served students, staff and families at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church and Learning Center for the past 18 years. We hope you will join us in Fellowship Hall after the service to celebrate with coffee and cake.

**In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023.
We will reopen on Tuesday, May 30th at 9am.**

FREE CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT AT VPC!

Vanderbilt Presbyterian is hosting members of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in a Chamber Music concert on **Friday, June 2, 2023 at 7pm**. To obtain your free tickets, go to www.artisnaples.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR 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: Back to School Blessing is **August 13**.
- **VBS Needs Y-O-U!** Share God's love with children this summer! Vacation Bible School (**July 17-21**) 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 FRIENDSHIP

- **MAH JONGG:** Geri Payne paynegnb@comcast.net.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4 **Stephen Ministers** Are here to comfort those who mourn and to be a listening ear to any and all who are in need.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **GRACE PLACE:** Needs volunteers! Email Colleen at colleen.durham@graceplacenaples.org if you can transport 2 high school students for the Youth Leadership Collier Program during the week of **June 3-9**. Helping with: Kindergarten Readiness (4 year olds), Elementary and Middle Summer Camp or with the Food Pantry.
Sign up on the volunteer portal: <https://volunteer.graceplacenaples.org>.
- **BLOOD DRIVE:** Call the office at 597-5410 or sign up on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall to donate blood on **Sunday, June 4, 2023 from 9am-12pm** here at VPC. Find Your Match!
- **MISION PENIEL:** Help us help others by serving the important mission. **Friday, June 9 at 1pm**. We carpool from the church and return by 7pm. For more information or to volunteer, email Karen Chappler at kchappler@aol.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.

Sharon Acx	Max Gould	The Marshall Family	The Wood Family
Rich Annunziata	Seth Hall & Alyssa	Jeff Moon	Maggie Woodruff
Charlyn Bonk	Hall Morris - Happy	Bill Payne	
Adriana Caruso	49th Birthday!	Leah Ray	
Carrie Crispin	The Harper & Evans	Marilyn & Sam Scheller	
Louise Eliot	Families	Ursel Stanley	
Marlene Everson	Sandra Johnson	Aysegul Timur,	
Nadine Gaylord	Chester Kauffman	President of FGCU	
Lori W. Godwin	Robbie Landon	Wes	



Happy Birthday!

Sara McConnell	5/28
Anne Christensen	5/28
Bill Whitman	5/30
Bee Getman	5/31
*Jean Lonergan	6/1
Babs Brock	6/1
Anna Barry	6/1
Haley Hood	6/1

***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!

Yari Figueroa	6/2
Olivia Carver	6/3

Happy Anniversary!

Robert & Janice Conrad	5/28
Adam & Kristin Day	5/28
Frank & Caryl Bates	5/29
Bob & Doris Martin	5/30
George & Ellen Morton	6/2
Stephen & Cindi Schock	6/2
Thomas & Kristina Hauschild	6/2
Brett & Liberty Franklin	6/3

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!"