



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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June 11, 2023 10:00 am — Second Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of our father, Ervin Sieling, by Ron Sieling and Joan Elliott and in celebration of Deane & Jim Hawkins' wedding anniversary and Deane's birthday by their children.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Grider Family. "Happy Summer!"

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
Pat Rose, Liturgist
Julie Borden, Children's Moment

Julie Carver, Pianist
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Ruth Felipe & Priscilla Kutler
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Nancy Guthy, Greg & Julie Borden, Dianne Westerlund, Pete DeBaun

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 33:1-12

- ¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.
² Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
⁷ He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.
⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
⁹ for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Prelude: Variations on "Christ is the World's True Light"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

God calls us out of places known and secure.

God invites us into a living, trusting relationship.

Happy are those whom God chooses as a heritage.

God's counsel to every generation comes to us.

Let us worship God with our whole being.

Let us use all our talents to praise our Creator.

Praise God with instruments we have made.

Sing praises with voices God has given.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #210: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

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| 1. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home: | Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun. |
| 2. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same. | 4. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day. |
| 3. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone; | 5. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home. |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**God of justice and righteousness, we come to you as tax collectors and sinners flocked to Jesus long ago. We have wavered in distrust of your promises, yet cling to their truth. We believe that your ways are far more fulfilling than any we can devise, yet we shrink from following where Christ leads. Forgive our pursuit of lesser gods we create, and wean us away from our fascination with the false values that tempt us. Draw us closer to you, we pray. *(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

Julie Borden

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

Genesis 12:1-9

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they

had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD.

⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners." ¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Go!"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "Laudate Dominum" (Praise the Lord, all you peoples!)

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Chris Wood, Soloist

The Chancel Choir

*** 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**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

We believe in Jesus Christ, the realization of true humanity. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people, sharing their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. Expressing God's love in word and deed, he became a friend to sinners, and a refuge for those cast aside. Many rejected him and demanded his death, but he gave himself freely, with mercy and love. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became the victor, conquering death for all people. In Christ Jesus, love gets the final word. 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 #388: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

ANGEL'S STORY

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| <p>1. O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.</p> <p>2. O let me feel Thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.</p> | <p>3. O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.</p> <p>4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

Jesus says to us, "Follow me," and we respond.

Christ answers our needs with a healing touch.

We are inheritors of God's grace.

Rejoice with us in the blessings God provides.

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: Postlude on "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee"

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

June 18, 2023 — Second Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: "Serendipity"

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8



*We are saddened to announce the death of **Barbara Lang** on June 1, 2023. Barbara and her husband, David, were very active members of VPC for over 19 years. They moved to Vero Beach in 2016, where David still resides. Please keep David and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.*

To send a card to David: 430 11th Square SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962

LUNCH BUNCH!

Join us today for our Lunch Bunch outing.
If you didn't sign up in advance, check with Pastor Rob.
We can always find a place at the table for more!



WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

We need your donations of gently used wheelchairs and walkers for our loaning library. When church members or friends are in need of short-term use of a wheelchair or walker, we have a supply that we share. We are very low on those two items right now. Call the office if you have anything to offer. Thank you in advance!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP



- **STEPHEN MINISTERS:** Experiencing financial difficulties? Stephen Ministers are trained to listen if you are feeling overwhelmed by bankruptcy, major financial setbacks, under water mortgage, debt or increased expenses on a fixed income.
- **MAH JONGG:** Geri Payne paynegnb@comcast.net.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **GRACE PLACE:** We are collecting financial contributions towards backpacks for children in need. Send your gift and mark it Grace Place backpacks. **ALSO GRACE PLACE** Needs volunteers! 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>.



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! 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**.

GREAT FESTIVAL OF ORGAN MUSIC

This afternoon, **Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 3pm**, Artis—Naples will host the annual Great Festival of Organ Music. The concert will feature six local organists (Brice Gerlach, Betty Pursley, J. Matthew Swingle, Thomas DeLessio, John Fenstermaker and Dexter Kennedy) and one student, Anne Patterson, from Ave Maria University. There is a \$20 ticket for the concert. To get a ticket, go to the box office, or go online to www.artisnaples.org.

- **VBS Needs Y-O-U!** Share God's love with children this summer! Vacation Bible School (**July 17-21 from 9am-12pm**) 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.



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	Robbie Landon	The Wood Family
Rich Annunziata	Max Gould	The Lang Family	
Charlyn Bonk	Jerry Grandey	The Little Family	
Adriana Caruso	Kay Hurley	Jeff Moon	
The Dehnart Family	Judy Jacobs	Norman Parker	
Louise Eliot	Sandra Johnson	Leah Ray	
Marlene Everson	Chester Kauffman	Ursel Stanley	



Happy Birthday!

Carolyn Schumann	6/11	*Bill Oehler	6/16
Steven Woodring	6/12	Madeline Jacob	6/17
Joe Felipe	6/12	Don Fern	6/17
*Elaine Hinkle	6/13	Bob Miller	6/17
*Deane Hawkins	6/13		
Wayne Peters	6/13		
*Mike Smith	6/14		
Farhat Naseem	6/15		
William Chandley	6/15		
David Lee	6/15		
*Susie Hilton	6/16		



Happy Anniversary!

John & Roberta McMaster	6/11
Gary & Anne Christensen	6/11
David & Tarie Curtiss	6/12
Rob & Wendi-Anne MacKinlay	6/12
Tom & Susan Hallin	6/15
Eliza & Hugh Nevin	6/16
Jim & Mary Hart	6/17
Gordon & Peg Black	6/17

*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!"**