



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 18, 2023 10:00 am — Third Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are dedicated to
Leslie & Ebba Daggett and John & Josephine Lepore .

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Gloria Hagopian.

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
Karen Chappler, Liturgist
Julie Borden, Children's Moment
Julie Carver, Pianist

Virginia Garner Cullison, Violinist
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Jan Fern & Dick Hilton
Ushers: Price & Carol Lindsay (Head Ushers),
Ron & Linda Addaman, Joan Butler, Joe Trees

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 116: 1-2; 12-19

¹ I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

¹² What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD;

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem! Praise the LORD!

Prelude: "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" Traditional
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"
Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

We are here to offer our thanks to God.

We will pay our vows to God in the presence of others.

We are grateful for the grace in which we stand.

We praise God with great joy and gladness.

God bears us up on eagles' wings.

God draws us into covenant community.

We will listen for God's commandments.

We will seek to do all that God requires.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers"

ST. CATHERINE

- Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!**
- Faith of our fathers! we will strive
To win all nations unto thee,
And through the truth that comes from God,**

- Mankind shall then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!**
- Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God, we often fail to recognize that you are always with us. We are the ungodly ones who deny your love by our failure to love. We deny your law by our failure to live by it. We laugh at your promises. We appear more burdened than joyful in the midst of the wondrous gift of life. We seldom pause to give thanks. The compassion of Christ finds little echo in us, who claim to be Christians. We need your forgiveness, O God, and a new vision. (*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 18:1-15

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant,

who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." ¹⁰ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Serendipity"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "Sing to the Lord"

Willis Barnett

The Chancel Choir

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Enter his presence with thanksgiving and praise.

Sing praise to his holy name. Sing and rejoice before the Lord.

Give thanks and bless his holy name.

Worship and bow before the Lord for God is worthy of all praise.

*** 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 a Declaration of Faith

We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs for praise are never for ourselves alone. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining in God's work. We find guidance in God's deeds in the past and promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace. 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 #525: "Here I am, Lord"**

HERE I AM, LORD

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| <p>1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?</p> | <p>2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

- 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
*Refrain***

*** Commission and Blessing**

Go out, prepared each day for God's appearing.

Recognize the Christ within and among us.

As we are able, we will serve.

God will empower our witness and ministry.

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 A Minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

June 25, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: "Finding Life"

First Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:24-39

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE: VPC is collecting school supplies and monetary donations for needy children in Collier County. Everything will be split between Grace Place and Mision Peniel.

Supplies List - Drop off at the office! zipper backpacks, crayons, washable markers, No. 2 pencils, composition notebooks, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, blunt-topped scissors, rulers, blue or black ballpoint pens, erasers, highlighters, permanent markers, loose leaf paper, spiral bound notebooks, white glue (bottles), colored pencils. Make checks payable to VPC with Backpacks in the Memo. Please send or bring your donations by July 23rd. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023
19 REGISTERED DONORS
17 PINTS COLLECTED
51 LIVES SAVED!

**YOU ARE
SOMEBODY'S
TYPE**



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:** Stephen Ministers can be extremely helpful when challenged with difficult family situations. Being a single parent, having a loved one with addiction, having a loved one with a serious mental health issue, or being caught in the middle of a conflict between loved ones.
- **MAH JONGG:** Geri Payne paynegnb@comcast.net.



- **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	Lori Godwin	The Lang Family	
Charlyn Bonk	Max Gould	Jeff Moon	
Adriana Caruso	Kay Hurley	Norman Parker	
The Dehnart Family	Judy Jacobs	Leah Ray	
Louise Eliot	Sandra Johnson	Ron Sieling	
Marlene Everson	Chester Kauffman	Ursel Stanley	



Happy Birthday!

*Charlene Roth	6/18
Reed Riashi	6/18
Tim Peters	6/18
Christine Bostater	6/19
William Berger	6/19
Cole Breton	6/20
Jack Breton	6/20
Laurin Skrabonja	6/20
Chris Jacob	6/21
Isabella Aguilar	6/21
*Rob Marrow	6/21



*Sally Watts	6/22
*June Peterson	6/25

*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!

Happy Anniversary!

Hal & Rose Wendler	6/18
Dave & Ann Windley	6/18
Mac & Sonia McDonald	6/19
Jason & Rachel Heimberger	6/20
Judy & Verne Istock	6/22
Tim & Pat Peters	6/22
Bill & Joyce Dersch	6/24
Dick & Maureen Clark	6/24
Michael & Libby Catanese	6/24

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!"**