



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 25, 2023 10:00 am — Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are given in joyous celebration of
June Peterson's 97th birthday!

Please join June and her loving family at Fellowship Hour to celebrate her birthday!
No gifts, please, except the gift of your presence!

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*
Sue Van Fossen, *Liturgist*

Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Beth & David Lee
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Pat
Rose, Sonja Cookson, Reggie Smith, Pete DeBaun

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 69:7-15

⁷ It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.

⁸ I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.

⁹ It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

¹⁰ When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.

¹¹ When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

¹² I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

¹³ But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me With your faithful help

¹⁴ rescue me from sinking in the mire;

let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

¹⁵ Do not let the flood sweep over me or the deep swallow me up or the Pit close its mouth over me.

Prelude: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Daniel Barton (b. 1944)

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

This infinite God cares for each one of us.

God hears our cries and responds to our needs.

In our days of trouble, we call on our God.

We are confident that God listens and answers.

Let us also call on God with our prayers of thanks.

Let us celebrate the wondrous things God provides.

God cares for us, even when others reject us.

We gather to glorify God's name.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #155: "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

DARWALL'S 148th

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,

And triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. God's kingdom cannot fail,

Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell

Are to our Jesus given:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3. Rejoice in glorious hope!

For Christ the Judge shall come

To glorify the saints

For their eternal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God, we are poor and needy in matters of the spirit. You have offered us newness of life, but we are fearful of its cost. Your gifts place us in debts so vast that we can never repay. We are not worthy of your love and cannot earn your forgiveness. How is it that when we accept your grace we sense a freedom we have never before enjoyed? O God, we want to be dead to sin and alive in you. Help us! (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

Romans 6:1b-11

¹ What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷ "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Finding Life"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*Affirmation of Faith

from Book of Common Worship

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Tell the People to Sing"

Music: Lee Dengler

The Chancel Choir

Text: Susan Naus Dengler

Tell the people to sing a song to the Lord! Let the nations proclaim that God is adored! May the melodies soar; resound evermore, announcing that joy and hope are restored. Go tell the people to sing a song to the Lord! If we do not sing and worship all our days, the stones themselves will cry out loud to offer God their praise. The trees will clap their hands. The deserts bloom in happy songs. The mountains shout on high and praise God all day long! So lift your voices up to the sky in flowing, glad refrains. Come, magnify the Lord our God, And let us all exalt God's name.

*** 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**

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: "Nearer My God to Thee"**

BETHANY

1. Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee,
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me!
Still all my song shall be:

All that thou sendest me,
In mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me
Refrain.

Refrain:

Nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

4. Then, with my waking tho'ts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Refrain.

2. Though like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Refrain.

5. Or if, on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Refrain.

3. There let the way appear,
Steps unto heav'n;

*** Commission and Blessing**

You have been baptized into Christ's death.

Live, with Christ, your resurrection faith.

**We are not afraid of the cross,
It calls us to fullness of life, spent for others.**

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: "Dialogue"

Pierre DuMAGE (1674-1751)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

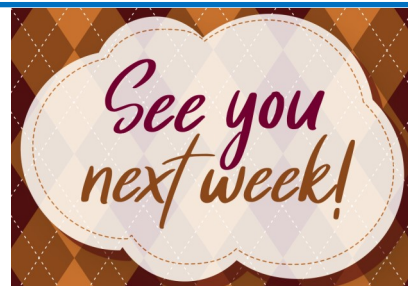
July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: "Hospitality"

First Reading: Romans 6:12-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:40-42



We are saddened to announce the deaths of two former members of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.

Pat Jansen passed away on June 14, 2023 at the age of 87.

Nancy Hansen passed away on June 18, 2023 at the age of 94.

Please keep their families in your prayers at this difficult time.



VBS Needs Y-O-U!

Join us for a brief volunteer meeting on Tuesday, July 11 at 1:30pm in the Student Center (located in West Wing). Can't make it? Come see us on Sunday, July 16, after worship (between 11:15am-12:15pm) to pick up your shirt and assignment. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to serve at "Monumental" VBS **July 17-21, 9am-12pm**. Opportunities still available for adults, college students, high schoolers & middle schoolers to help campers discover how awesome our God is. For more information/questions, email Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.



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!

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| zipper backpacks | blue or black ballpoint pens |
| crayons | erasers |
| washable markers | highlighters |
| No. 2 pencils | permanent markers |
| composition notebooks | loose leaf paper |
| pencil sharpeners | spiral bound notebooks |
| glue sticks | white glue (bottles) |
| blunt-topped scissors | colored pencils |
| rulers | |

Checks payable to VPC
Memo: Backpacks

Thru July 23



Are you interested in joining our church family?

Adventures In Membership

Sunday | July 2 | 10 am

Join us for worship and stay in the sanctuary with Pastor Rob for a brief Q&A, as we chat about Vanderbilt and what it means to be involved in the ministry of Christ's church.

*Childcare Available



Have you signed up for Lunch Bunch yet? Join us! Our next lunch is on Sunday July 9th!

After Fellowship Hour, small groups will meet for lunch at a restaurant around noon.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP

- **STEPHEN MINISTERS:** Crisis and difficulty in life such as: incarceration or having a loved one incarcerated, spiritual crisis or struggling with faith questions, aftermath of a disaster or tragic event, victimized by a crime or accumulation of many losses, crises or setbacks. These events can all be addressed by Stephen Ministers.
- **MAH JONGG:** Geri Payne paynegnb@comcast.net.

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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	Lori Godwin	Sandra Johnson	Ron Sieling
Rich Annunziata	Max Gould	Chester Kauffman	Ursel Stanley
Charlyn Bonk	The Hansen Family	Robbie Landon	The Wood Family
Adriana Caruso	Bunny Heitman	Jeff Moon	
Louise Eliot	Kay Hurley	Norman Parker	
Marlene Everson	Judy Jacobs	Leah Ray	
Nadine Gaylord	The Jansen Family	Jodi Reckmeyer	



Happy Birthday!

*June Peterson	6/25
Hayley Lowe	6/27
Leigh Raskauskas	6/27
Emmy Vayda	6/28
Alyce Demma	6/29
Brenda Karnes	6/30
Katherine Skrabonja	7/01



Happy Anniversary!

Peter & Dale Tremblay	6/25
Steven & Jackie Woodring	6/26
Babs & Jim Brock	6/26
Bill & Sue Van Fossen	6/28
Kyle & Brooke Vayda	6/30
Hurley & Nancy Ruppert	7/01



*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!"**