



**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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**July 2, 2023 10:00 am — Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

The flowers on the chancel are given by the Grider Family. Happy Fourth of July!

The fellowship hour is sponsored in loving memory of Lee & Viven Weeks.

**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*  
**The Chancel Choir**

**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** Geri & Bill Payne  
**Ushers:** Price & Carol Lindsay (Head Ushers),  
Ben Hood, Carline Lobban, Steve Blad, Anne Smith  
**Communion Servers:** Jan Fern, Barbara  
McElwaine, Pat Rose, Joe Doggett, Sharon Doggett,  
Pete DeBaun, Pete Rodino, Karen Chappler, Sue  
Van Fossen, Bill Van Fossen

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 13

<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

<sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

<sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

<sup>5</sup> But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD because he has dealt bountifully with me.

**Prelude:** Variations on American Folk Hymns

James Pethel (b. 1936)

### Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship:

*Early in the morning, our thoughts turn toward God.*

*We have been led to this mountaintop of worship.*

**We come, trusting in God's steadfast love.**

**We gather, seeking the way of salvation and peace.**

*God has made an everlasting covenant with us.*

*Let us proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.*

**We bring our sorrow and pain to this healing time.**

**May God provide what we need to grow in Christ.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #561: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

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| 1. My country, 'tis of thee,<br>Sweet land of liberty,<br>Of thee I sing;<br>Land where my fathers died,<br>Land of the pilgrims' pride,<br>From every mountainside,<br>Let freedom ring!       | 3. Let music swell the breeze,<br>And ring from all the trees,<br>Sweet freedom's song;<br>Let mortal tongues awake;<br>Let all that breathe partake;<br>Let rocks their silence break,<br>The sound prolong. |
| 2. My native country, thee,<br>Land of the noble free,<br>Thy name I love;<br>I love thy rocks and rills,<br>Thy woods and templed hills;<br>My heart with rapture thrills,<br>Like that above. | 4. Our fathers' God, to Thee,<br>Author of liberty,<br>To Thee we sing;<br>Long may our land be bright<br>With freedom's holy light;<br>Protect us by Thy might,<br>Great God, our King.                      |

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Free us, O God, from such absorption in our own concerns that we forget your loving intention for us. We find it hard to view what is happening around us through any eyes but our own. We obey our own passions rather than joining your intention for the good of all. It is hard for us, who so value our autonomy, to speak of obedience. Yet we are ashamed of things we have done and things we have failed to do. We want to claim your free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. We sense that you intend for us to accept and live within that gift here and now. Help us, loving 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

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 6:12-18

*<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you*

*obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 10:40-42

*<sup>40</sup> "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.*

*<sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: "Hospitality"**

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**\* The Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory: "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate"**

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Chancel Choir

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born, on the cross Thy sacred Body For mankind with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side; feed us with Thy Body broken, now and in death's agony! O Jesu, hear us, Son of Mary.

**\* Doxology**

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**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**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

**Music During Communion: Hymn Medley**

Traditional

**Prayer after Communion**

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\* Hymn #562: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

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| <p><b>1. Eternal Father, strong to save,<br/>Whose arm has bound the restless wave,<br/>Who bade the mighty ocean deep<br/>Its own appointed limits keep:<br/>Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,<br/>For those in peril on the sea.</b></p> <p><b>2. O Savior, whose almighty word<br/>The wind and waves submissive heard,<br/>Who walked upon the foaming deep,<br/>And calm amid its rage did sleep:<br/>Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,<br/>For those in peril on the sea.</b></p> | <p><b>3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood<br/>Upon the chaos wild and rude,<br/>And bade its angry tumult cease,<br/>And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:<br/>Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,<br/>For those in peril on the sea.</b></p> <p><b>4. O Trinity of love and power,<br/>All travelers guard in danger's hour;<br/>From rock and tempest, fire and foe,<br/>Protect them wheresoe'er they go;<br/>Thus evermore shall rise to Thee<br/>Glad praise from air and land and sea.</b></p> |
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**\* Commission and Blessing**

*Extend Christ's welcome to your friends.*

*Dare to share that welcome with strangers.*

**We will honor all people as God's own.**

**We will reach out to bless all God's children.**

*Alleluia.*

**Amen.**

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

**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.**

**Postlude: "Fanfare for the Common Man"**

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

arr. Thomas Vozella

*Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.*

**THANK YOU!**



Special thanks to Julie Carver for filling our worship service with beautiful music while Dr. Jim Cochran is on vacation.



**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**July 9, 2023**

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Sermon: "Burden or Opportunity?"**

**First Reading: Romans 7:15-25a**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:16-19; 25-30**

**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. We are collecting **through July 23rd**. Make checks payable to VPC - Memo: Backpacks. Drop off any of the following supplies to the office during the week: 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 left paper, spiral bound notebooks, white glue (bottles), colored pencils. Thank you!





## 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. Check out the Monumental display in the Narthex! We are accepting donations to help offset the cost of our VBS! For more information/questions, email Heather Mikes at [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org). Thank you!!



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.



For more information, see the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall.

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*"Listen to me, oh house of Jacob. I have made you and I will carry you. I will sustain you and I will rescue you."*  
Isaiah 46:3-4.

Scripture supports what Stephen Ministers offer. God created us and sustains us. Stephen Ministers are trained and commissioned to support the scriptures.

Call the office or speak to Pastor Rob if you are in need of a Stephen Minister.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Our VPC-Guest WIFI is available **without** a password! Go to your settings and log on!



If you would like to receive Home Communion OR if you are an ordained Elder or Deacon and would like to assist in this effort, please contact Michael Bevilacqua at 612-803-0767.

## 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    | Judy Jacobs       | Leah Ray        |
| Rich Annunziata | Lori Godwin       | The Jansen Family | Jodi Reckmeyer  |
| Charlyn Bonk    | Max Gould         | Sandra Johnson    | Ron Sieling     |
| Adriana Caruso  | The Hansen Family | Chester Kauffman  | Lou Thompson    |
| Louise Eliot    | Bunny Heitman     | Robbie Landon     | The Wood Family |
| Marlene Everson | Gordon Herman     | Jeff Moon         |                 |
| Susan Flynn     | Kay Hurley        | Norman Parker     |                 |



### Happy Birthday!

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| *Heidi Stryker    | 7/2 |
| Margaret Waters   | 7/2 |
| *Barbara Faude    | 7/2 |
| Barbara Minter    | 7/2 |
| Henry Gaylord     | 7/3 |
| *Greg Borden      | 7/4 |
| John Braun        | 7/4 |
| Liberty Franklin  | 7/4 |
| *Jason Mikes      | 7/4 |
| Tom Hallin        | 7/5 |
| *Charles Thompson | 7/6 |

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| *Paige Leaming       | 7/7 |
| *Twila Rowe          | 7/7 |
| Susanne VanderStarre | 7/8 |
| Barbara Thomas       | 7/8 |
| Oliver Hood          | 7/8 |

**\*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!

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| Pete & Karen Rodino | 7/4 |
| Bill & Nena Beynon  | 7/7 |
| Ronald & Jody Nowry | 7/7 |



## 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](mailto: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!"**