



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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October 1, 2023 10:00 am
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost — World Communion Sunday

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored
in celebration of Mary & Bill Koppelkam on their 65th wedding anniversary.

The fellowship hour is sponsored by Ron & Linda Addaman.

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
Jim Muir, Liturgist
Julie Carver, Pianist
Colin Gerlach, Violinist
The Chancel Choir

Devon Grider, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: CC Waskey & Becky Wheat
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head
Ushers), Nancy Guthy, Ron & Linda Addaman,
Sonja Cookson
Communion Servers: Sharon & Joe Doggett, Joan
Butler, Jan Fern, Carol & Price Lindsay, Bill & Sue
Van Fossen, Mary Lynn Myers, Pete Rodino

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 25:1-9

- ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of salvation; for you I wait all day long.
⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love
remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
⁹He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

Prelude: "Air" From Orchestra Suite No. 3 in D Major
Colin Gerlach, *Violin*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Come, let us remember God's presence with us.

Let us give ear to all that God would teach us.

Our ancestors have told us about God's might.

They have celebrated God's wondrous deeds.

Our doubts can lead to honest searching.

God welcomes questions that seek new truth.

We want to see God's larger picture.

We are here to broaden the scope of our concern.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #439: "In Christ There is No East or West"

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| 1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth. | 3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me. |
| 2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind. | 4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth. |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

We fear to approach you with our confession, holy God, for you may require changes in us that are costly. You ask us to have the mind of Christ, a mind free of pretense and self-interest. You challenge us to lay aside our advantages to go where you send us. We fear loss of security if we are obedient. It is hard to see ourselves as exploiters when we pursue advantages for our families. It is difficult to consider others when we feel like victims. We confess our need for you and our desire to find your purpose for 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

Matthew 21:23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"
²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did

you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "The People Quarreled"

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: "Remember Me"

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

The Chancel Choir

Take this bread, take this wine, remember me. Eat this bread, drink this wine, remember me.
This is my body, broken for you, This is the blood I shed. Take them, Eat them, and feed on me in your
heart. Feed on me and remember me. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Take His body, take His blood. Remember me.

*** 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**

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: Improvisation

Julie Carver

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we offer our thanks for this feast and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

* Hymn #516: "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

O QUANTA QUALIA

1. Lord, we have come at Your own invitation,
Chosen by You, to be counted Your friends.
Yours is the strength that sustains
dedication,
Ours a commitment we know never ends.
2. Here, at Your table, confirm our intention,
Give it Your seal of forgiveness and grace;
Teach us to serve without pride or
pretension,
Lord, in Your kingdom, whatever our place.
3. When, at Your table, each time of returning,
Vows are renewed and our courage restored:
May we increasingly glory in learning
All that it means to accept You as Lord.

* Commission and Blessing

Go forth to serve in the spirit of Christ.

Dare to question false values that hold us captive.

We count it a privilege to serve in Christ's name.

We are grateful for the saving power of love.

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: "Giga"

Bach - Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962)

Colin Gerlach, *Violin*

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

FOR NEXT WEEK

October 8, 2023

**Nineteenth Sunday After
Pentecost**

Sermon: "The True Leader"

First Reading:

Exodus 20:1-4; 7-9; 12-20

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 21:33-46

Are you interested in
joining our church family?

**Adventures
In
Membership**

Sunday,
October 1 - 11:15am

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



OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

- **ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP:** Join Pastor Rob in Schock Chapel following worship on **Sunday, October 1** to learn about VPC and what we do “Under the Spire”.
- **LUNCH BUNCH:** Sign up to join other members of VPC at lunch after worship on **Sunday, October 8**. Sheets are in Fellowship Hall.
- **CNC NOMINATIONS:** The Congregational Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Ruling Elders and Deacons. Fill out a green form and return it to the Narthex by **Sunday, October 15**.
- **TRUNK OR TREAT:** Mark your calendar and join us on **Wednesday, October 25!** Trunk arrival: 4:30-5:30pm, Chili Cook-off: 5:30pm, Candy Trail 6-7pm. Sign up at the church office or email Heather at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS:** We need sponsors for Fellowship Hour. Call Barbara at 597-5410 to sign up. Thanks!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC

- **THE ALLELUIA CHOIR NEEDS YOU!** Children and youth of all ages are invited to music with Dr. Jim and Mrs. Carver on **Sundays from 11:30am-12pm** in Cochran Hall. Families are invited to stay in Fellowship Hall or the Student Center.
- **DO YOU LIKE TO SING?** Join the Chancel Choir! Our mid-week rehearsals have begun. Join us on **Wednesdays at 7pm** in Cochran Hall. Questions? Email Jim at jcochran@vpcnaples.org.
- **CALLING ALL RINGERS!** Our Handbell Choir is ready to start rehearsing. Gordon Black will be directing the group on **Wednesdays from 6-6:45pm** in the Handbell Suite (at the back of Cochran Hall) beginning **Wednesday, October 11**. For more information or to volunteer, email Gordon at gbglassgarden@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION

- **HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE:** The VPC Children & Youth Groups and Learning Center are asking for gently used or new costumes for children in need. There are baskets at the church for your donations. Please bring them by **Sunday, October 1**.
- **PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING:** A special offering for PCUSA, the Peace and Global Witness Offering enable the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Envelopes are in the Narthex for your donations through **Sunday, October 1** - World Communion Sunday.
- **CAN YOU SPARE A DROP?** Our next Blood Drive is on **Sunday, October 15 from 9am -12pm** in the parking lot. Sign up to donate in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for saving a life!
- **COLLIER HARVEST** is looking for drivers to deliver frozen turkeys and hams to the schools they serve for families in need to enjoy on Thanksgiving and Christmas. They need drivers on **Tuesday, November 14** and **Tuesday, December 12 at 8:30am**. For more information or to volunteer, email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.com.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- **WOULD YOU LIKE GIVING ENVELOPES?** Please let us know if you would like weekly giving envelopes. Call Barbara or sign up in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday mornings. 597-5410.

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.

"Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart." - Proverbs 25:20

God invites his people to draw near and share their concerns with him by means of prayer. God calls us to approach him in prayer together. James 5:16 urges Christians to "Pray for each other," with the context of the verse clearly showing that it refers to two or more people praying with each other.

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MINISTRY.

Adriana Caruso	Chester Kauffman
Barbara & Bob Coughlin	The John Kennedy Family
Dick Creviston	Cathy Nathan
Nancy Diederich	Leah Ray
Kira Dietrich	Donna Riley
Marlene Everson	Pete Schwiers
The Dave Glynn Family	Shannon Simmons
Kimberly Gould-Blackwell	Lou Thompson
Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	The Wynn Family
The Jacobus Family	
Sandra Johnson	

PRAYER
list

Happy Birthday!

*Margaret Mackie	10/2
Ted Beisler	10/3
Ruth Wade	10/3
Joyce Dersch	10/4
Gregory Skrabonja	10/4
Chari Grove	10/5
Elizabeth Boutell	10/6
Bill Koppelkam	10/7
Rosemary Ufheil	10/7

Happy Anniversary!

Gary & Brenda Karnes	10/3
Gregory & Laurin Skrabonja	10/6
Barbara & Russell Thomas	10/7
Tom & Elaine Nale	10/7

***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!

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Phil Jacobus** on September 19, 2023 at the age of 89. Phil and his wife, Cherry, have been members of VPC for over twenty years. A memorial service is being planned and will take place in Michigan. Please keep his family in your prayers at this tender time.*

Cards may be sent to Cherry at
3925 Cook Valley Blvd. SE, Apt. 248
Grand Rapids, MI 49546-8352

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

MAJ Rex Rafferty

USAF—Alabama
(Norm & Linda Parker's granddaughter's husband)



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

- Please let the office know if you are in the hospital. **239-597-5410**
- Go to www.vpcnaples.org/live/ to view our Livestreamed worship.
- Questions? Check our weekly email: **"Week at a Glance!"** every **Monday** morning.