



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 15, 2023 10:00 am
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of my Dad, Domenico, loved and missed everyday! By Barbara Bonavita and Family.

And to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Starr by his family.

The fellowship hour is sponsored in honor of my loving family by an anonymous donor.

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
Jerry Grandey, Liturgist
Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Ellen & Jack Tanner and Jan Fern
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Steve Blad, Anne Smith, Dianne Westerlund, Bill Payne

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 106:1-6

¹ Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD or declare all his praise?

³ Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

⁴ Remember us, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help us when you deliver them,

⁵ that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that we may glory in your heritage.

⁶ Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

Prelude: Variations on "What God Ordains is Good"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Collier Harvest

* Call to Worship:

We have come to praise God and give thanks.

We believe God's steadfast love endures forever.

We come together that our faith might be strengthened.

We seek the strength to live by all we profess.

God continues to deliver us in times of distress.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We rejoice that God is near and available to us.

We hear God welcoming us to this time of prayer.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #229: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

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1. From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through every land, by every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;

Eternal truth attends Thy Word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. In every land begin the song,

To every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sounds all voices raise

And fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of all mercy, you have planted within us a desire to observe justice and do righteousness. We want to be fair and honorable, delighting in life shared openly and honestly with family, friends, and co-workers. Instead, we are often defensive, fearful, and distracted. We spend more time with our toys than with your truth. We seek temporary thrills rather than lasting meaning. Then we are disappointed when our “golden calves” bring no fulfillment. We return to you, loving God, intent on following the guidance we are receiving from you. Save us from ourselves. *(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

Exodus 32:1-8

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ² Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me.” ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said,

"These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD."⁶ They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely;⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "A Change in Plans"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from a Brief Statement of Faith

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Holy, Holy, Holy, We Worship You"

Benjamin Harlan

The Chancel Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

We worship you, Almighty God. In You alone is our delight.

We worship you, O Holy God, and lift our voice to sing Your praise. Alleluia.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Our God is Holy! God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

*** 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 #244: "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"**

MONKLAND

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| 1. Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord who is so kind:
For God's mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure. | 3. All things living God does feed,
With full measure meets their need:
For God's mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure. |
| 2. God, with all commanding might,
Filled the new-made world with light:
For God's mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure. | 4. Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord, who is so kind:
For God's mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure. |

*** Commission and Blessing**

God is opening our minds to what is true.

God is filling our lives with ways that are just.

We rejoice in God, who loves us.

We are eager to live as Christ teaches us.

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: "Toccata in E Minor"

Pachelbel

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

October 22, 2023

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Michael Butler

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MISSION PARTNER

Thank you, Connie Preu and Annette Kirk, for sharing during our Moment for Mission. They represent **Collier Harvest**, one of our missions that we serve with time, talent and treasure. Take a moment to stop at the table in the Narthex to find out more about this amazing foundation and to greet our guests.

Our local blood supplies
have taken a dive!
GIVE BLOOD

Sunday, October 15, 2023

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

CAN YOU SPARE A DROP?

Our next Blood Drive is on

Sunday, October 15 from 9am -12pm

in the parking lot.

Walk-ins are welcome!

Save a life TODAY!



**Collier Harvest
Foundation**

WORSHIP. EQUIP. SERVE.

"I am the vine,
you are the branches."
-John 15:5

Plug In To
Family
Led Worship

October 22, November 12 & December 17
10:00 a.m.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S

CHILI COOK-OFF

OCTOBER 25TH

5:30PM-7:00PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

MUSIC - FOOD - PRIZES



PLEASE CONTACT HEATHER TO SIGN UP HMikes@VPCNAPLES.ORG

STAY FOR
TRUNK OR TREAT
6:00PM-7:00PM

Bring Your
Best Batch of
Homemade Chili!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

- **CNC NOMINATIONS:** The CNC is seeking names for Ruling Elders and Deacons. Fill out a green form and return it to the Narthex by **Sunday, October 15.**
- **MEDICARE QUESTIONS?** SHINE will be onsite to offer free counseling for Medicare Open Enrollment on **Thursday and Friday, October 19-20 from 9:30am-2:30pm.** No appointment necessary!
- **PLUG IN TO FAMILY LED WORSHIP!** Our next FLW is **Sunday, October 22 at 10am.** Join us!
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS:** We need sponsors for Fellowship Hour. 597-5410.

Join us for
a Community

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 25 6-7PM

Reserve your spot by Oct. 22
hmikes@vpcnaples.org

- Please arrive between 4:30pm and 5:30pm to get parked and decorate your trunk.
- All are welcome to enjoy the chili cook-off at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Be ready to hand out candy by 6:00pm.
- Family event: Non-scary costumes and decorations only.
- Vehicles must remain parked until the event is over at 7:45pm.

5:30pm
Chili Cook-Off



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC - in Cochran Hall

- **ALLELUIA CHOIR:** Children and youth of all ages are invited on **Sundays from 11:30am-12pm**
- **CHANCEL CHOIR:** Join us on **Wednesdays at 7pm.** jcochran@vpcnaples.org
- **CARILLON RINGERS:** Rehearse **Wednesdays from 6-6:45pm.** gbglassgarden@gmail.com.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION

- **HELPS OUTREACH:** We are collecting non-perishable food for Helps Outreach. On **Sunday, October 22**, the truck will be at VPC before our 10am service to load it up! All donations are gratefully accepted until October 22. Drop off at the office or VLC!
- **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.** Our next packing event is **Monday, October 23 at 4:45pm.** For more information or to volunteer, email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.com. Don't miss the chance to learn more about this important mission today.
- **CAFÉ OF LIFE:** Join us on **Friday, October 27 at 9am** to serve a meal to those in need. For more information, email Eliza Nevin: elizanevin@comcast.net.

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.

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



Happy Birthday!

Ann Windley	10/15
Karen Rohde	10/15
Lynn Rosser	10/17
*Craig Grider	10/17
Ron Davis	10/18
Judith Brown	10/18
Marion Truax	10/18
*Rod MacLeod	10/18
Sharon Doggett	10/19

Happy Anniversary!

Paul & Kathryn Higbee	10/16
Yari & Abraham Figueroa	10/17
Rob & Beth Marrow	10/21



***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!



Stephen Ministers bring a consistent source of support by bringing hope to a person in need. They let you know that Christ is available to you. Christ empathizes with you. Christ accepts you.

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.