



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 8, 2023 10:00 am
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of my sister, Lynne Soule, by Kit Chamberlain and in loving memory of Virginia Chandley from her boys: Bill, Jeff, Greg and Mark.

The fellowship hour is sponsored by the Worship, Music, and Liturgical Arts Team in appreciation for Gordon Black assuming the director position of the Carillon Ringers.

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 Carver, Pianist

Virginia Garner Cullison, Violinist
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Barbara Hebert & Ruth Felipe
Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Gwen Salyer, Price & Carol Lindsay, Joan Butler, Tim Hall

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 19

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Prelude: A Hymn Trilogy: This is My Father's World, Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, Lift Up Your Heads

Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

Traditional

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

The God who frees us invites us to worship.

The God of law welcomes our loyal response.

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

We tremble before God, yet are not afraid.

We are ready to listen to God's word.

May our awe before God be pure and enduring.

May our thoughts and our words be acceptable to God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #291: "O God of Earth and Altar"

LLANGLOFFAN

**1. O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;**

**the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.**

Continued

2. From all that terror teaches,
from lies of tongue and pen,
from all the easy speeches
that comfort cruel men,
from sale and profanation
of honour and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,
deliver us, good Lord!

3. Tie in a living tether
the prince and priest and thrall,
bind all our lives together,
smite us and save us all;
in ire and exultation
afame with faith, and free,
lift up a living nation,
a single sword to thee.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, we have no righteousness of our own. We have bent and ignored your law. Your commandments inform us but do not transform. We give lip service to your law but seek to avoid its implication for our lives. We recognize some of our errors, but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols in our lives. We depend on them more than we honor you. Save us, we pray, from great transgressions and help us to reorder our days. *(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 20:1-4; 7-9; 12-20

¹ Then God spoke all these words, ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷ "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." ²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" ⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "The True Leader"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

adapted from Philippians 3

I know Christ. I am found in him. Nothing is gained in this life but him. I know the power of his resurrection. I know the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death and I know that, according to his great mercy, we will attain the resurrection from the dead through him. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Offering

Offertory: "Let All the World In Every Corner Sing"

AUGUSTINE

The Chancel Choir

The text can be found on page 468 of the Hymnal.

*** 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 #361: "How Firm a Foundation"**

FOUNDATION

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| 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled? | 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. |
| 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand. | 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine. |

*** Commission and Blessing**

Seek the growth of this body, for Christ's sake.

Bring others to dwell here, for their sakes.

We will press on toward our heavenly call.

Our resurrection faith gives us hope.

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: "English Voluntary in C Major"

John Stanley (1712-1786)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

October 15, 2023

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: "A Change in Plans"

First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

TODAY!

WORSHIP. EQUIP. SERVE.

Plug In To
Family
Led Worship

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

Vanderbilt
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1225 Piper Boulevard
Naples, FL 34110

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

**LUNCH
BUNCH**

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS:** Join us, **October 11 at 5:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. Bring your canned food donations for Helps Outreach. We're lighting up the night with some fantastically fun fall activities! For a complete schedule, check the Week-at-a-Glance email. Questions? Email Heather at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.
- **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**.
- **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, just walk-in and get some help!
- **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 or email Heather.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS:** We need sponsors for Fellowship Hour. 597-5410.

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!** Gordon Black will be directing the Carillon Ringers on **Wednesdays from 6-6:45pm** in Cochran Hall beginning **Wednesday, October 11**. Email Gordon at gbglassgarden@gmail.com. Be sure to stop by fellowship hour **today** for a demonstration!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION

- **HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE:** Thank you for the donations to our Halloween Costume Drive. We took all the donations to Mision Peniel!
- **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!
- **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.
- **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.

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.

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

PRAYER
list

Happy Birthday!

Tom Teasdale	10/8
Kathleen Vance	10/9
*Gloria Hagopian	10/10
Sherry Hardgrove	10/10
Jo-Ann Degelmann	10/11
Louise Eliot	10/11
Stan Swihart	10/11
Rob MacKinlay	10/11
Sloane Mullen	10/11
Gary Karnes	10/12
Don Corcoran	10/12
*Riley Mikes	10/12

Happy Anniversary!

David & Karen Lawrence 10/10



***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 must pray for each other not only because God urges it but because Jesus gives us this promise: "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For when two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18: 19-20

stephen
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

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.