

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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November 26, 2023 10:00 am

Christ the King Sunday

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in memory of our friend and fellow chorister, Mark Pratt, by the VPC Chancel Choir.

Mark Pratt, a member of the VPC Chancel Choir, passed away on September 12, 2023. Mark was a member of the Naples Philharmonic Chorus from 2004-2020. Although a devout Catholic, his good friend and fellow tenor, Steve Kutler, convinced Mark to join the VPC choir. It turned out to be a "win-win" for Mark and the choir as we sang together and enjoyed the experience of making beautiful music.

The fellowship hour is sponsored in gratitude for the teachers and leadership of the Vanderbilt Learning Center by Shanna & Noel Davies.

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
Brooke Vayda, Moment for Children
Bill Payne, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Jan Fern & Priscilla Kutler
Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Ron & Linda Addaman, Sonja Cookson, Tim Hall, Dianne Westerlund

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7

¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Prelude: Chorale Preludes on "All Glory Be To God On High"

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Heifer Fair

* Call to Worship:

Come, God is seeking to gather us together.

Like a shepherd searching for lost sheep, God calls us.

We come, in need of healing, seeking a blessing.

Our faith draws us here, in spite of our doubts.

Come, above all else, to worship and give thanks.

Make a joyful noise to the Creator of all worlds.

God's steadfast love becomes real to us here.

We are reminded of God's immeasurable greatness.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #151: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

1. **Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

2. **Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky**

**Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

3. **Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

Continued

4. **Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

All-knowing God, you are aware of our comfort-seeking weakness. We ignore strangers in need as if they were no concern of ours. We resist programs that might threaten our privileges. We do only enough good to keep us from feeling guilty. We give grudgingly of our time and resources, instead of overflowing with thanksgiving and joyous sharing. We treat the church as our possession rather than letting Christ rule as head of the body. O God, we pray we have not wandered beyond your reach. *(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

Brooke Vayda

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

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he

has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Lord, When Was it That We Saw You?"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith:**

From the Book of Common Worship

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Offertory"

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

*This anthem is sung in memory of Mark Pratt, who sang with the Vanderbilt Chancel Choir
for several years. It was his favorite scripture.*

The Chancel Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with
burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, The fruit of my body for the sin of
my soul? He has shown you, O man, He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you But to
do justice and to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God? — Micah 6:6-8

*** 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 #145: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"**

MARION

1. Rejoice ye pure in heart!

**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.**

Refrain:

Rejoice! rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2. Yes, on through life's long path,

**Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,**

In gladness and in woe. Refrain

3. At last the march shall end;

**The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain**

4. Then on, ye pure in heart!

**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King. Refrain**

*** Commission and Blessing**

Go forth in faith, with love for all the saints.

Open your eyes to see the good in all you meet.

We believe that God is empowering our ministry.

God's love enables us to love even in difficult times.

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: "Toccatina in F Major"

Buxtehude

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

December 3, 2023 — First Sunday of Advent

Sermon Series: A Season of Waiting — Sermon: "Keep Awake"

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 — Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37

Ladies! Join us for fellowship and tea to ring in the holidays!

Ladies Christmas Tea
Saturday, December 2, 2023
at 11:00 a.m.

All girls, young women and ladies are invited.

Wear fancy finery!

A free-will donation will be collected to benefit

Misión Peniel.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or call the office at 597-5410.



Advent Concerts

Wednesday concerts begin at 12pm and last 30 minutes.

Wednesday, November 29

Gordon Black & Jim Cochran,
Organ & Piano

Wednesday, December 6

Susan Norbeck, Flute

Wednesday, December 13

Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano

Wednesday, December 20

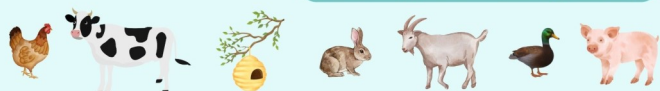
Andrew & Jeanne Snedeker & Tom May
Oboe, Soprano & Cello

Here at Vanderbilt we have



learn more about the Heifer Fair

on Sunday, 11/26 during worship.



Support transformational change from the ground up. Our projects provide animals, training and basic necessities to help families lift themselves out of poverty.

Christmas TOY Drive!

Every Christmas, VPC delights in our Toy Drive, bringing joy to deserving children in need.

Toys will go to the Salvation Army & Misión Peniel.



Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the office, church or school by Sunday, December 10, 2023.

Annual Choirs Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 10, 2023 — 4 p.m.

This year's Christmas Concert features the Baroque masterpiece, *Gloria*, by Antonio Vivaldi.



Our choir will be joined by a small chamber orchestra and vocal soloists Michele Byrd, Daniela Pepe and Dave Curtiss. The Carillon Ringers will also be playing. There will be a cookie reception in Fellowship Hall following the concert, and everyone is invited to attend!

Pick up a brochure for a full list of concerts.
Copies are available in the Office or the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We invite you to dedicate poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. Complete the form in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate with payment or return to the office with your donation (any amount). Donors names will be included in the Christmas Eve worship service bulletins. Please send your donation and dedication by 12/10.

Mission Opportunities

Volunteers from VPC are scheduled to serve at Mision Peniel on both December 8th and 15th.

If you can help, please email Karen Chappler at kchappler@aol.com.



You're Invited!

Giving Back to God

2024 Annual Stewardship

Join us on Sunday, December 3 for a thank you brunch in Fellowship Hall following worship. Brunch is a thank you from the Stewardship Team for everyone's support of the 2024 Giving Back to God Campaign.



Thank you!

No RSVP necessary!

Everyone is encouraged to attend!



Studying "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Anne Gamble

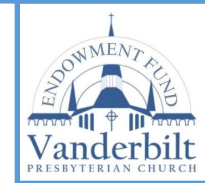
WOMEN'S MINISTRY FRIENDS IN FAITH

2023

Wednesday, November 29 10am Harp Hall



RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE. ENSURE THE FUTURE OF VPC. MAKE A PLANNED GIFT.



Questions?

Contact a member of the **Endowment Fund Ministry Team**: Steve Blad, Julie Borden, Chair, Debbie Dawley, Doug Dunn, Don Fern, Steve Kutler, Jon White & Jackie Woodring.

DONATE

Can you help?

SUPPORT

Weekend Power Pack relies on volunteers to pack about 300 bags of food for children living at or below the poverty level.

We need financial donations to be able to purchase the food.

Please send any amount and put WPP in the memo www.vpcnaples.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Thursday, December 7th at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall.

If you can volunteer, contact Becky Wheat at sportbroad@comcast.net.



Pray for *peace* in the Middle East

OUR ADVENT JOURNEY BEGINS

NOVEMBER 29 5:30PM

Wednesday Night Lights

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." -Isaiah 9:6

- CASH
- STOCK/GIFTS OF SECURITIES
- BEQUESTS
- REAL ESTATE
- LIFE INSURANCE
- RETIREMENT ASSETS
- IRA CHARITABLE TRUST ROLLOVER
- CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY
- CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST
- CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST

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	Jim & Marlene Everson	Chester Kauffman	Laura Piipponen
Linda Bauer	Marie Geiser	The John Kennedy Family	Jack & the Rock Family
Bob Bearden	The Dave Glynn Family	John Lacker	Sam & Marilyn Scheller
Adriana Caruso	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Robbie Landon	Pete Schwiers
Dick Clark	Kate Hafner	Doris Martin	Dan Westerlund
Molly Cochran	Bunny Heitmann	Miranda	Chris Wood and Family
Dick Creviston	The Howse & Hall Families	Joan Mountford	
Nancy Diederich	Sandra Johnson	Cathy Nathan	

Happy Birthday!

Bob Kassing	11/27
Sharon Messmore	11/27
*George Cheatham	11/27
Sara Wells	11/28
Mary Jane Williams	11/28
Jane Beisler	11/29
*Mary Lynn Myers	11/30
Oscar Lowe	12/1
Ruth Bethem	12/1



Happy Anniversary!

Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken	11/26
Don & Ruth Schulte	11/27
Bob & Madge Bush	11/28
Rob & Gayle Kaderly	11/28
Richard & Haley Hood	12/2

***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!

“And this also, to him who both shall be given. After all, you must have the capacity to receive, or even, omnipotence can’t give. Perhaps your own passion temporarily destroys the capacity. C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed. **Stephen Ministers** can help the grieving to receive.



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.

<p>ENSIGN Francis Alvares US Navy, Pensacola, FL (Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)</p> <p>MSgt Kristopher Chesslo USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo’s nephew)</p> <p>LT Wyatt R. Dawley US Navy Intel/SEAL Team (Debbie Dawley’s grandson)</p>	<p>MAJ Allen Fujinaka US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz’s granddaughter’s husband)</p> <p>COL Jessica D. Grassetti (Claudia Polzin’s niece)</p> <p>1st LT Jacob Guzman US Army—Seattle, WA (Cesar Guzman’s son)</p>	<p>CPTN Devon Hennessey Korea (Toni Hubbard)</p> <p>SGT Wesley Kennedy USMC - Okinawa, Japan</p> <p>MAJ Rex Rafferty USAF—Alabama (Norm & Linda Parker’s granddaughter’s husband)</p>
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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.