



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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**January 14, 2024 10:00 am
The Second Sunday After Epiphany**

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored loving memory of our parents, Edith and Ervin,
by Ron Sieling and Joan Elliott.

Fellowship Hour is sponsored in honor of our new members.

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*
Greg Borden, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*

Brooke Vayda, *Children's Moment*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Beth & David Lee
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head
Ushers), Barbara Hebert, Gisela Yingst, Mike
Swain, Ben Hood

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
- ¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Prelude: "O Waly, Waly"

arr. Martha Sobaje (b. 1948)

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

*The One who calls you together this day yearns for each of you
and for all people to hear and be blessed.*

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #485: "To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

- To God be the glory,
great things He hath done!
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!*

- O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory:
great things He hath done.**
- Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see. *Refrain***

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name.
(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

I Samuel 3:1-10

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and

went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."
⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.
⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: **Sermon Series:** *Becoming the People of God*

Sermon: "Your Servant is Listening"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Offering

Offertory: "Grace"

(Using the tune O Waly, Waly) Mark Hayes

The Chancel Choir

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch, a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed! Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come; This grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely, grace will lead me home. I shall go home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day We first begun. Than since the day we first begun.

*** 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 #357: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"**

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| 1. O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care. | 3. Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong. |
| 2. Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way. | 4. In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live. |

*** Commission and Blessing**

All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial.

Listen to the word of the Lord as you move through your days.

Trust that the Holy Spirit will guide your choices.

See in each person you meet one for whom Jesus gave his life. .

Alleluia.

Amen.

*** Benediction Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

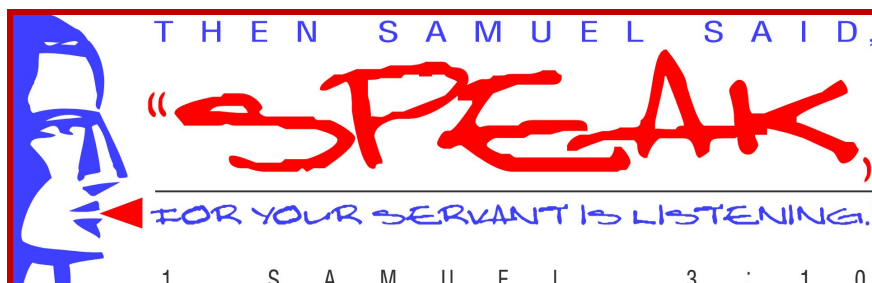
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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, children all are we; Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me let this be the 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: "Hymn to Joy"

David Cherwein (b. 1957)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

January 21, 2024 — Third Sunday After Epiphany

Sermon Series: *Becoming the People of God* — Sermon: "Call and Response"

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5; 10— Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Join us today!



JOIN US FOR THE 2024 MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 11:00 am following Worship



The teams that serve our community and congregation will gather in Fellowship Hall to give you information and answer questions about their work.

Come and see where you can share your gifts of time and talent and become a part of our church outreach.

We have a place for you!

Help us as we bring the light of Christ to our world!

NEW 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN!

If you requested GIVING ENVELOPES for 2024, please check the table in the Narthex for your new packet when you come for worship on Sunday.

You can also pick them up on weekdays during normal business hours (9am to 4pm) by the front desk.



CALL for VOLUNTEERS

Can you help?
Grace Place has MANY volunteer opportunities.
Check out the bulletin board by the office for a complete listing of needs.
Thank you in advance!!

GRACE PLACE[®]
For Children & Families

Vanderbilt PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mission Opportunities

Collier Harvest

Join us to pack bags of healthy and nutritious food for our hungry neighbors across Collier County.

Monday, January 22, 2024
4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)
4:45-6pm - bagging food at 4451 Mercantile Ave.

Collier Harvest Foundation

Email Pete Rodino pvrodino@aol.com to volunteer!

We're Having A MOVIE NIGHT

Jan 19 2024
6pm

POPCORN

CINEMA

WE NEED SPONSORS FOR CHANCEL FLOWERS AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR!

THANK YOU

Have you considered sponsoring the Chancel Flowers on a Sunday morning for worship?
What about sponsoring the Fellowship Hour following the worship service?
Take advantage of these options for remembering a special event (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or the memory of a loved one.

Call Barbara at 597-5410 to schedule a date!

Join the VPC Book Club!

Our January 15th meeting will be a discussion of "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. We meet at 1:30pm in Harp Hall at VPC.

In February we will be discussing "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes

BOOK CLUB

For more information, email Peggy Landon mlandon711@gmail.com

stephen MINISTRY

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

"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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE EXCITING EVENTS!!


James and Cindy Craig Education Series

Lecture and Bible Study on "Difficult Texts"

Presented by: Dr. Kimberly Russaw

Saturday, February 3 9:30am-12:00pm
Harp Hall at Vanderbilt Presbyterian

This lecture and Bible study will focus on studying the "difficult texts" found throughout the Bible. Dr. Russaw has lectured or presented at events for PBS, the Association of Theological Schools, and the Society of Biblical Literature, and events at many universities and seminaries. She received her Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel from Vanderbilt University. There will be two sessions, a lecture-discussion: "Something Baaaaaaad is Happening in Bethlehem: Attending to Violence in the Biblical Text", and an interactive Bible study: "Dealing with Difficult Texts".




GUEST PREACHER

THE REV. DR. ASA J. LEE,

Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 10:00am

We welcome guest preacher, The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee, President and Professor of Theological Formation for Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.



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.

The Albers Family	Jean & Alan Fletcher	Jane Montana	Margaret Waters
Ron Bartlett	Darius Gajano	Joan Mountford	Dan Westerlund
Linda Bauer	Marie Geiser	Cathy Nathan	Chris Wood and Family
Linda Boyles	The Dave Glynn Family	Ivana Novelli	
Adriana Caruso	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Joanna O'Kelley	
Molly Cochran	Kate Hafner	Andrea Paciello & Family	
Bob & Jan Conrad	The Heitmann Family	Laura Piipponen	
Dick Creviston	Anne Hiie	Jack & the Rock Family	
Mindy Deliso	Sandra Johnson	Sam & Marilyn Scheller	
Nancy Diederich	The John Kennedy Family	Pete Schwiers	
Jim & Marlene Everson	Doris Martin	Ron Shaffer	



Happy Birthday!

Sydney Carver	1/14	Joe Doggett	1/17
Evva Crown	1/15	*Kay Hurley	1/18
Lena Crown	1/15	Isabelle Rose Rockhold	1/18
*Kristin Day	1/15	Annette Dietrich	1/19
Renee Bertone	1/16	*Carolyn Magarro	1/20
*Helen Bechthold	1/17	Sarah Smith	1/20
John Weiss	1/17		

Happy Anniversary!

Bud & Bee Getman	1/18
Steve & Priscilla Kutler	1/19



***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!

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)

COL Jessica D. Grassetti
(Claudia Polzin's niece)

E4 Brian Guzman
USAF - Colorado (Cesar Guzman's son)

Sgt Jacob Guzman
US Army-Seattle, WA (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)

LCPL Michael Russell
USMC - Cape Lejeune, NC
(Heather Anderson's son)



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.