



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 21, 2024 10:00 am
The Third Sunday After Epiphany

The flowers on the chancel and Fellowship Hour are sponsored by the Grider Family.

Wishing our Vanderbilt Family a blessed New Year.

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*

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*

Greeters: Joan Butler and Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers),
Ron & Linda Addaman, Doug Dunn, George
Morton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 62:5-12

⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;

pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰ Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this that power belongs to God,

¹² and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

For you repay to all according to their work.

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision"

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Announcements

Moment for Missions

Grace Place

* Call to Worship:

From God comes my salvation.

For God alone my soul waits in silence.

God alone is my rock and my salvation.

God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #420: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

3. Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,

Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places,
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
That we fail not them nor Thee!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. *(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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ² "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon: "Call and Response"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

* The Affirmation of Faith

The Declaration of Faith

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by our siblings in Christ, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "A Promise for Strength"

David Schwoebel (b. 1957)

The Chancel Choir

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
They that wait upon the Lord shall mount up with wings as eagles.
They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.
They that wait shall be renewed.

* 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 #442: "The Church's One Foundation"

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| <p>1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.</p> <p>2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;</p> | <p>One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.</p> <p>4. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.</p> |
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* Commission and Blessing

Repent and believe the good news.

God is with us and calls us for a purpose!

May the God of second chances renew your sense of call

And inspire you to go out and share the good news of forgiveness and 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: "Basse de Trompette"

Louis Nicholas Clerembault (1676-1749)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

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!

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."

THE REV. DR. ASA J. LEE, GUEST PREACHER

Join us for worship on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 10:00 am as we welcome guest preacher, The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee,

President and Professor of Theological Formation for Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



MEET US
"UNDER THE SPIRE"
AT VPC!



DON'T PASS YOUR CHANCE TO TACKLE HUNGER WITH US!

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, 2024, our youth will be collecting donations of food and money, under the porte-cochere before and after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



TACKLE



HUNGER



Please support our youth in this worthy event!

Benefitting Grace Place Food Pantry



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! JOIN US UNDER THE SPIRE IN 2024!

January 28 — 11am

Ministry Fair

As part of the Stewardship Campaign requested you fill out a Time and Talent card to help connect you to a meaningful group at VPC. This event is aimed at sharing opportunities with you, in the hopes you can find a place for you to "Give Back to God" through your time and talents. Join us after worship in Fellowship Hall!

February 3 — 9:30am

Lecture & Bible Study

The James and Cindy Craig Education Series sponsors and annual event for the benefit of our congregation and guests. This year, Dr. Kimberly Russaw will help us navigate the "difficult texts" found in the Bible. There are two sessions: the lecture, "Something Baaaaaad is Happening in Bethlehem" and interactive Bible study, "Dealing with Difficult Texts."

February 4 - 10am

Guest Preacher,

The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee

The President and Professor of Theological Formation for Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary returns to VPC for a second year and will deliver the message during our worship service.

February 11 - 10am

Souper Bowl of Caring

Each year, our youth work on a special service project collecting canned food and monetary donations to tackle hunger! Our youth will be collecting donations outside, under the porte-cochere before and after the 10am worship service. Or, mail checks to the church office indicating "Souper Bowl" in the memo or donate online at www.vpcnaples.org through February 29, 2024. Your generous gifts will benefit Grace Place Food Pantry and offer care to those in our community struggling with food and housing insecurities. Please support their efforts in this worthy event!

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany — Family Led Worship

Sermon Series: *Becoming the People of God* — Sermon: "Ministry From Within"

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 — Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

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.



Email Pete Rodino
pvrodino@aol.com
to volunteer!

Join us on Wednesday, January 24, 2024

5:30-7:15pm

YOU'RE INVITED
WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
LIGHTS

In his
FOOT STEPS

1 John 3:2

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Friday, January 26, 2024

9:00 am

Leitner Park

26724 Nomad Dr.

Bonita Springs 34135

Email Eliza Nevin
elizanevin@comcast.net.



Donations of food and volunteers to serve are needed.



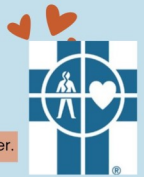
For more information, see the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall.

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MINISTRY®

"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.



CALL for VOLUNTEERS

Can you help?

Grace Place has MANY volunteer opportunities. VPC is helping on Friday, February 2 from 12-4pm.

Check out the bulletin board by the office for a complete listing of needs.

GRACE PLACE®



For Children & Families



VLC OPEN HOUSE

Do you.....

Want to learn more about our Vanderbilt Learning Center?

Want to see our VLC staff and students "in action"?

Want to see how our church is sharing the love of God through our VLC?

JOIN US!

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 from 10-11:30am.

Email Pete Rodino by January 29 for more information.

pvrodino@aol.com.



DONATE ♥

Can you help?



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, February 15 at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall.

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



Can you sponsor
Fellowship Hour?
We need you!

We are in need of sponsors for our Fellowship Hours on Sunday mornings.
Call Barbara at 597-5410 to choose a date.
It's a great way to give back to your church family!

Thanks!



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



Happy Birthday!

*Jerry Warnken	1/21	William Swenfurth	1/23
Connie Weiss	1/21	Roman Monda	1/23
Melodie Esposito	1/21	Price Lindsay	1/24
*Jim Muir	1/22	Janet Mungo	1/25
Elaine Nale	1/22	Pocket Patterson	1/25
*Larissa Gibson	1/22	Laura Reardon	1/25
Drake DeBaun	1/23	Thomas Hauschild	1/27

Happy Anniversary!

Stephen & Mary Lynn Myers	1/27
Dick & Sally Watts	1/28
Henry & Nadine Gaylord	1/28



***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.