



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 28, 2024 10:00 am

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany — Family Led Worship

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in celebration of Jim Muir's birthday, by his loving wife, Sally.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Peggy and Herb Nelson.

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*
Scarlett Mullen, *Youth Liturgist*
Pat Rose, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir

The Alleluia Choir
The Carillon Ringers, **Gordon Black**, *Director*
Sebastian Aguilar, *Youth Acolyte*
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Jan Fern & Joan Butler
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Nancy Guthy, Sonja Cookson, Price & Carol Lindsay, Dick Clark
Youth Ushers: Sydney Carver & Alyssa Gersch

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 111

¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

Prelude: "Ring Joyous with the Sound!"

Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

The Carillon Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

Announcements

Moment for Missions

Café of Life

* Call to Worship:

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Let us worship God.

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia (x 2)

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia (x 5)

2. In every land begin the song,

To every land the strains belong: Alleluia (x 2)

In cheerful sound all voices raise

And fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia (x 5)

3. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;

Eternal truth attends Thy word: Alleluia (x2)

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia (x 5)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.
(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.

Special Music: "Kum Bah Ya" and "The More We Get Together"

Traditional

Alleluia Choir

**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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the

assembly when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ Then the LORD replied to me, 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Jacob's Ladder"

arr. Kevin McChesney

The Carillon Ringers

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon: "Ministry From Within"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

From Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "In the Morning, Joy"

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

The Chancel Choir

Blue mist rising from the hollows to the hills. Morning comes, and with it all the joy that morning brings. Gone the weeping of the long night slowly stills. Morning comes, and with the morning joy! Pale sun glowing, drives the darkness from the night. Morning comes, horizons gleam with promise for the day. Shadows dancing freely in the breaking light. Anxious mother, wayward child, lost, alone. Grieving father, lonesome soldier far from home. Heartsick family, weeping through the long dark night, Wait for morning, for it comes, and with it joy! Bright sun shining, burns the rising mist away. Morning comes, the morning full of promise and delight. No more waiting for the light and warmth of day. And with the morning, joy.

*** 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 #322: "Spirit of the Living God"**

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me:
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me:**

**Melt me, mold me,
Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me:**

*** Commission and Blessing**

Go out from this place to a world fully known by God.

Where there is fear, remember the authority of Christ Jesus.

Where there is need of love, give it. Where there is pain, bring peace.

For you are loved by the One who redeems, and freed to live by the Word of 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.

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31 — Gospel Reading: I Corinthians 9:16-23

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!

Studying "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Anne Gamble

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

FRIENDS IN FAITH

2024

Wednesday, January 31 10am Harp Hall

Vanderbilt PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Our Minute for Mission on Sunday, February 4 will be a representative from Misión Peniel.

Be sure to attend worship at 10am and stay for Fellowship Hour so you can learn about this amazing mission.

JOIN US!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

POT LUCK DINNER

Friday, February 16 at 6pm.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the office at 597-5410. Bring a favorite dish you want to share. Reconnect with friends and meet new people while enjoying culinary delights.

Sponsored by the Membership & Involvement Team

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.



Are you interested in joining our church family?

Adventures In Membership

Sunday, February 4 - 11:15am

Join us for worship and stay in the sanctuary with Pastor Rob for a brief Q&A, as we chat about Vanderbilt and what it means to be involved in the ministry of Christ's church. *Childcare Available

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.

POWER PACK

Vanderbilt PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mission Opportunities

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. purodino@aol.com.

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!



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

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!

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



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.



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

PRAYER
list...

Happy Birthday!

*Bob Martin	1/29	Roberta McMaster	2/2
Don Schulte	1/29	*Karen Rodino	2/2
Lizzie Piipponen	1/30	Dennis Lebo	2/2
*Sally Muir	1/31	Meryl Berger	2/2
Sheetal Yousaf	1/31	Don Neer	2/3
*Cindi Schock	1/31		
Pat Counts	2/1		

Happy Anniversary!

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.