



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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February 4, 2024 10:00 am

The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in honor of Dr. Lou Thompson's anniversary of his ordination and in celebration of Sally Muir's birthday by her loving husband, Jim.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in celebration of the birthdays of Wanda Soule and Jim Cochran by Kit Chamberlain.

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*

Jim Muir, *Liturgist*

Julie Carver, *Pianist*

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*

Greeters: Dick Clark & Barbara Hebert

Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher), David & Susan Aufderhaar, Steve Blad, Anne Smith, Reggie Smith

Communion Servers: Karen Chappler, Joe & Sharon Doggett, Jan Fern, Jerry Grandey, Tom Hauschild, Mary Lynn Myers, Jill Peterson, Jane Repp, Pete Rodino, Pat Rose

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 147:1-11, 20

¹ Praise the LORD!

How good it is to sing praises to our God, for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹ He gives to the animals their food and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,

¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!

Prelude: "Fantasia in D Minor"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Misión Peniel

* Call to Worship:

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

They shall run and not be weary;

They shall walk and not faint.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #482: "Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!

- Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise ye the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. (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, I
s 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

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them like a tent to live in, ²³ who brings princes to naught and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵ To whom, then, will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden

from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, ³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

I Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶ If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a wage, but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my wage? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might gain all the more. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not outside God's law but am within Christ's law) so that I might gain those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I might become a partner in it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee

*** The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

The Rev. Charles L. Fischer III

Offertory: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Derek Hakes

The Chancel Choir

(The text is found on page 306 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**

The Rev. Carolyn E. Cranston

Pastoral Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion: Improvisation

Julie Carver

Prayer after Communion

**We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us.
Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of your holy
name. Amen.**

*** Hymn #513: "Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees"**

LET US BREAK BREAD

**1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.**

**3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

* **Benediction and Blessing**

The Rev. Chenda Innis Lee

* **The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

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.

Postlude: "Toccata in E Minor"

Pachelbel

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

WELCOME OUR GUESTS FROM THE PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We welcome **The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee**, President and Professor of Theological Formation of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, as our guest preacher today. A contingent of educators and ministers are in Naples at our invitation for the ***Jim and Cindy Craig Education Series***. Special thanks go to **Dr. Kimberly D. Russaw**, Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies, who presented a fascinating lecture and bible study yesterday on "Difficult Texts" in the Bible. Along with Drs. Lee and Russaw, **Rev. Charles L. Fischer III**, Vice President for Seminary Advancement, **Rev. Carolyn E. Cranston**, Director of Alumnae/i and Church Relations and **Rev. Chenda Innis Lee**, Coordinator of Clergy and Lay Excellence, Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church, participated in the weekend events, including our morning worship. Thank you for blessing Vanderbilt and the Naples community with your presence and thoughtful presentations.



Begin your Lenten journey here...

ASH WEDNESDAY
worship

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 6pm

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of the Lord

Sermon: "Pay Attention"

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY

- **ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP: Sunday, February 4 at 11:15am** - Join us for worship and stay afterwards in Schock Chapel for a brief Q&A with Pastor Rob as we chat about Vanderbilt and what it means to be involved in the ministry of Christ's church. (childcare available)
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: Wednesday, February 7 at 5:30pm** - We're having breakfast for dinner! Join us for Pancakes and Pajamas in Fellowship Hall. Wear your favorite pajamas and bring a non-perishable food item for Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit the Grace Place Food Pantry.
- **LUNCH BUNCH: Sunday, February 11** - Sign up today to join us! We meet after Fellowship Hour in small groups at a local restaurant. Everyone is welcome! Make new friends!
- **GETTING TO KNOW YOU POTLUCK 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.
- **STEPHEN MINISTRY — In Christ All Will Be Made Alive** — *"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive."* ~1 Corinthians 15: 20-22. This is the message of hope, that even in our loss, Christ has given us the gift of everlasting life.
- **VPC BOOK CLUB: Monday, February 19 at 1:30pm** in Harp Hall - We will discuss Jojo Moyes' book, *Someone Else's Shoes*. For more information, email Peggy Landon at mlandon711@gmail.com.
- **CHURCH TOUR: Sunday, February 25 following worship** - Look for members of the Membership and Involvement Team (in the blue shirts) after worship. Join us! You might learn something new about your church!
- **CONCERT SERIES: Sunday, February 25 at 4pm** in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendar to hear the 239 Quartet play an uplifting concert of jazz music! Free and open to the public!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSIONS

- **MISIÓN PENIEL: Sunday, February 4** - Special thanks to Marifrans Castillo and Pastor Miguel Estrada for presenting our Moment for Mission during worship. They will be available during Fellowship Hour to answer questions and give more information about our mission partner.
- **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Sunday, February 11** - Our youth will be collecting donations outside, 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. Please support this worthy event!
- **BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, February 11 from 9am-12pm** - Call the office (597-5410) to sign up for a time to donate blood. The bloodmobile will be in our parking lot which makes it easy for everyone! Give the gift of life!
- **WEEKEND POWER PACK: Thursday, February 15 at 10:30am** is our next packing event. Please meet in Fellowship Hall to help pack the bags. We are also in need of financial donations to be able to purchase the food. Mark your gift WPP. Thank you in advance!
- **STOP BY THE OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD:** You can read the thank you notes from our Mission partners including Heifer International, Café of Life and Habitat for Humanity.

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.

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| Angel Barillas | Darius Gajano | Ivana Novelli |
| Linda Bauer | The Dave Glynn Family | Joanna O'Kelley |
| Warren Brunsting | Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt | Laura Piipponen |
| Adriana Caruso | Anne Hiie | Joni Poposki |
| Bob & Jan Conrad | Sandra Johnson | Sam & Marilyn Scheller |
| Dick Creviston | The John Kennedy Family | Bob Schmalzbauer |
| Emily DeBaun-Orr | Robbie Landon | Ron Shaffer |
| Rita Distad | Bob & Doris Martin | Margaret Waters |
| Jay Ducharme | Tom Messmore | Don Westall |
| Jim & Marlene Everson | Joan Mountford | Chris Wood and Family |
| Jean & Alan Fletcher | Cathy Nathan | |

Bunny Heitmann's
Memorial Service will
be held on
Friday, February 9
at 2pm
in the Sanctuary. There
will be a bereavement
reception in Fellowship
Hall at the conclusion
of worship.

Happy Birthday!

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| *Arnold Alexander | 2/4 |
| David Lawrence | 2/5 |
| *Sandra Kemp | 2/6 |
| Elsie Fessler | 2/6 |
| Andrew Loughran | 2/6 |
| Nancy Ozard | 2/6 |
| *Molly Cochran | 2/6 |



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| *Ron Addaman | 2/6 |
| *P.J. Mahoney | 2/7 |
| Julie Bearden Carver | 2/7 |
| Jean Suci | 2/10 |
| Nicholas Barkley | 2/10 |

Happy Anniversary!

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| Jack & Janie Ballurio | 2/7 |
| Hans & Eleanor Sarina Hoppner | 2/9 |



***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.