



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 11, 2024 10:00 am

Transfiguration of the Lord — Family Led Worship

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of Bunny Heitmann and in honor of Souper Bowl Sunday by the Grider Family.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in honor of Souper Bowl Sunday by the Grider Family!

Enjoy sharing with all God's people.

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

Bill Payne, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist

David Curtiss, Baritone

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Addison Acx, Youth Acolyte

Greeters: Ruth Felipe & Becky Wheat

Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Price & Carol Lindsay, Carline Lobban, Carolyn Magarro

Youth Ushers: Ayden & Sydney Carver

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 50:1-6

¹ The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

³ Our God comes and does not keep silent;
before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.

⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Prelude: "Aria"

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Souper Bowl of Caring

* Call to Worship:

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks; This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #263: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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| <p>1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.</p> <p>2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains,
high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.</p> | <p>3. To all, life Thou givest,
to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish;
but naught changeth Thee.</p> <p>4. Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render;
O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor
of light hideth Thee!</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you — to hide our faces, to hide our sin — yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you — in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops — yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(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

2 Kings 2:1-12

¹ Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As

the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: “One Pair of Hands”

Campbell and Curtis

David Curtiss, *Baritone*

One pair of hands formed the mountains, one pair of hands formed the seas. One pair of hands made the sun and the moon, every bird, every flower, every tree. One pair of hands formed the valleys, the ocean, the rivers, and the sand. Those hands are so strong, so when life goes wrong, put your faith into one pair of hands. One pair of hands healed the sick. One pair of hands raised the dead. One pair of hands calmed the raging storm, and thousands of people were fed. One pair of hands said, “I love you.” And those hands were nailed to a tree. Those hands are so strong, so when life goes wrong, put your faith into one pair of hands. Put your faith into one pair of hands.

The Second Reading

Mark 9:2-9

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Pay Attention"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

1 Timothy 3:16

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "I See, I Hear, I Know"

Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

The Chancel Choir

Now I see, O Lord, I see the light inside eternity,
The tree, the bloom, the feast inside the upper room,
A whippoorwill, a mourning dove, the song of wind,
The hymn of love have called my soul to see the light inside eternity.
Now I see, O Lord. Now I hear, O Lord, I hear one tune to drive away all fear.
I hear the sound of life in sea and air and ground;
I hear a river running through the sky,
While choirs of angels sing on high.
Be glad, my soul, and hear one tune to drive away all fear.
Now I hear, O Lord. Now I know, O Lord, I know why every seed must die to grow.
I know the tree of life inside eternity. I know the throne, I know the Lamb,
The Christ, the Lord, the One, the great I AM. I know,
O Lord, I know why every seed must die to grow.
Now I Know, O Lord. Now I see, now I hear, I know.

*** 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 #467: "How Great Thou Art"**

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1. O Lord my God!

When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
(repeat)

2. When through the woods

And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur

And hear the brook and feel the gentle
breeze.

Refrain

3. And when I think

That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die; I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.;

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come with shout of

acclamation And take me home, what joy
shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in
humble adoration, and there proclaim, my
God, how great Thou art.

Refrain

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Now go and tell the good news:

The Lord of life and light is with us;

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

The very face of God shines upon us with beauty, blessing and peace.

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: "Toccata in F Major"

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 18, 2024

The First Sunday of Lent

Sermon: "Journey with Jesus"

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

Begin your Lenten journey here...

ASH WEDNESDAY
Worship

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 6pm

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY

- **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** — “The disciples went and woke him, saying, Master, Master, we are going to drown!” He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.” ~Luke 8:24 — God calms the storm inside of each of us.
- **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.
- **PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, February 21 at 6pm** in Harp Hall - Pastor Rob will discuss the upcoming readings at this weekly Bible Study. All are welcome!
- **WINTER CARNIVAL: Friday, February 23 at 5:30pm** in the parking lot - Come support our Vanderbilt Learning Center at this fun fundraiser!
- **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

- **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!
- **IMMOKALEE FAIR HOUSING ALLIANCE: Sunday, February 18** - Representatives from IFHA will present the Moment for Mission and share insight into this mission partner.
- **CAFÉ OF LIFE: Friday, February 23 at 9am** - Leitner Park in Bonita Springs - join us to help serve a meal to the hungry. For more information, email Eliza Nevin elizanevin@comcast.net.
- **NEW HORIZONS: Sunday, February 25** - Representatives from New Horizons will present the Moment for Mission as well as the children singing in the worship service.
- **COLLIER HARVEST: Monday, February 26** - 4451 Mercantile Ave. Naples - join us to help pack non-perishable food. For more information, email Pete Rodino pyrodino@aol.com.

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.



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

Happy Birthday!

*Jim Cochran	2/11	*Jim Everson	2/16
Susanne Pender	2/11	Pat Peters	2/16
Sonja Cookson	2/11	Janie Ballurio	2/16
Walter Lee	2/12	Ron Nowry	2/17

Happy Anniversary!

*Marlene Everson	2/14	Buck & Vicki Evans	2/11
Jody Nowry	2/14	Joseph & Dana Riashi	2/16



***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.