

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 25, 2024 10:00 am

The Second Sunday in Lent

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of Ed Haller by his family.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in loving memory of Ed Haller by the Sunshine Gang.

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*
Jerry Grandey, *Liturgist*

Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Joan Butler & Ann Grundstrom
Ushers: Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Jerry
& Mari-Bea Warnken, Henry Gaylord, Dianne
Westerlund

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 22:23-21

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me but heard when cried to him.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord

³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Prelude: "Adagio in D Minor"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Announcements

Moment for Mission

New Horizons

* Call to Worship:

Let us not be ashamed of our Savior. Let us sing and praise our God out loud.

In the midst of the crowd, we will praise you. In community, we will bear witness to our faith.

Let us set our minds on divine things.

Let us take up our cross and follow Christ.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #78: "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

MARTYRDOM

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

2. Was it for sins that I have done
He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3. Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut its glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died
For human creatures' sin.

4. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance 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.

Special Music

New Horizons Children's 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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³ Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their

generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵ God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her and also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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Message: "The Reason Why"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

From a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake"

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

The Chancel Choir

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amen our sinful lives. To decline from sin, and incline to virtue, That we may walk in a perfect heart, Before thee now and every more.

*** 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 #539: "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"**

ELLERS

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| <p>1. Savior, again to Thy dear Name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
We stand to bless Thee ere our worship
cease; And, now departing, wait Thy word of
peace.</p> <p>2. Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward
way; With Thee began, with Thee shall end
the day. Guard Thou the lips from sin, the
hearts from shame, That in this house have
called upon Thy name.</p> | <p>3. Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming
night; Turn Thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep Thy children
free, For dark and light are both alike to Thee.</p> <p>4. Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly
life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict
cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing:**

*Disciples of Jesus, do not shun the way of the cross,
But follow wherever our Lord may lead.
May the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Uphold us on the way.
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: "Prelude in A Minor"

Bach

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

March 3, 2024 — The Third Sunday of Lent

Sermon: "Jesus Answered"

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 — Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

At the January 22 meeting, the Session approved **March 10, 2024** as the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The meeting will be held in-person immediately following the 10am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the next class of VPC officers (Elder, Deacon) and all members of the Congregational Nominations Committee, approve the 2024 Terms of the Pastoral Call, and to receive the 2023 Annual Report.



Church Tour —TODAY!!

Tours depart from the sanctuary after the 10am worship service.

Come and explore the facility, you might be surprised at what you learn!



Members, visitors, everyone is welcome!

February 25, 2024 — 4 p.m.

The 239 Quartet

featuring Lexi DeLaRosa, vocalist
Christian Snedeker, Music Director & Drums
Fortunato Occhino, Tenor Sax, Andrew Tannus, Bass
Daniel Tenbush, Piano



Highlights of this jazz concert include: "Grace" by Occhino, "Smash" by Cohen, "What a Little Moonlight Can Do" by Woods, "All of Me" by Marks and Simons.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

- Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the difference between desolation and hope.

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MINISTRY.

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Adventures In Membership

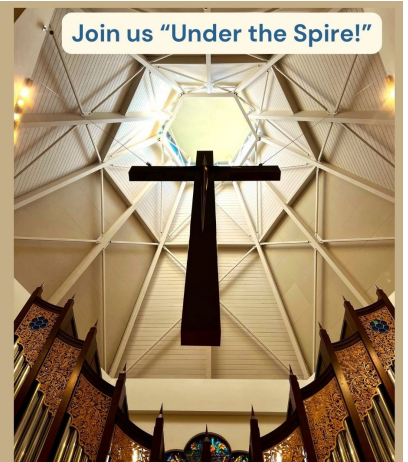
Are you interested in joining our church family?

Join us for worship and stay 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 provided

March 3 – 11:15am

Join us "Under the Spire!"



OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY

- **CHURCH TOUR: Sunday, February 25 following worship** - Look for members of the Membership and Involvement Team (in the **blue** shirts) after worship. Join us!
- **READ TO STUDENTS IN THE VLC! February 26-March 1** is Read Across America Week! You are invited to email Jennifer Crossan jcrossan@vlcnaples.org and schedule a time to come and read an age-appropriate book to our wonderful students!
- **FRIENDS IN FAITH: Wednesday, February 28 at 10am** in Harp Hall. Join us as we continue our discussion on "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" by Eugenia Anne Gamble.
- **VLC OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday, February 28 at 10am** - at the Vanderbilt Learning Center. Email Pete Rodino for more information or to sign up pvrodino@aol.com.
- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library. All are welcome as we study the upcoming readings for worship.
- **VANDERBILT LADIES WHO LUNCH:** Vanderbilt single ladies...would you be interested in getting together once a month for luncheon at a restaurant for conversation and friendship? Reach out to Barbara Hebert for more information. barbillsr@aol.com.
- **JOIN THE HANDCRAFTING GROUP: Thursdays from 3-6pm.** Are you crafty? Would you like to make your handcraft with a group of fun people? Join us! Info: Karen Chappler kchappler@aol.com.
- **AIM: Sunday, March 3** - Join Pastor Rob to learn more about what we do here at Vanderbilt! Join us "Under the Spire!"
- **LUNCH BUNCH: Sunday, March 10** - Sign up to join with small groups for lunch following worship!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSIONS

- **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 pvrodino@aol.com.
- **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Envelopes are in the Narthex. Payable to Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church memo OGHS - through **March 31**.
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Sunday, March 3** - Lisa Lefkow will present our Moment for Mission during worship. March is Habitat for Humanity month at VPC!
- **MISSION FAIR: Sunday, March 17** - Immediately following the service we will have a Mission Fair in Fellowship Hall. Representatives from many of our community missions will be there to tell you about what these wonderful missions do and how you can volunteer and get involved! There will be refreshments available for you to enjoy as you walk around and meet everyone. See you then!

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Jackson Bell** on February 13, 2024 at the age of 84. Jackson and his wife, Nancy, have been members of VPC for over 20 years.*

If you wish to send a card to Nancy: 8538 Gleneagle Way, Naples, FL 34120

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Marjorie Renth** on February 20, 2024 at the age of 97. Marjorie and her late husband, John, were members of VPC for over 16 years.*

Please keep these families in your prayers at this tender time.

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	Emily DeBaun-Orr	Sandra Johnson	Joni Poposki
Ron Bartlett	Rita Distad	Chester & Janet Kauffman	The Renth Family
Linda Bauer	Yana Drebyshv & mother	The John Kennedy Family	Sam & Marilyn Scheller
The Bell Family	Jay Ducharme	Robbie Landon	Bob Schmalzbauer
Mimi Braun	The Everson Family	Bob & Doris Martin	Ron Shaffer
Warren Brunsting	Jean & Alan Fletcher	Tom Messmore	The Family of Harold Soule
Carmen Campbell	Darius Gajano	Joan Mountford	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Adriana Caruso	The Dave Glynn Family	Cathy Nathan	Margaret Waters
Maureen Clark	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Joe Negri	Don Westall
Bob & Jan Conrad	Kate Hafner	Ivana Novelli	Joanne & Bill Whitman
Dick Creviston	The Hall Family	Joanna O'Kelley	Dot Williams
Don Cullison	The Higgins Family	June Peterson	Chris Wood and Family
Tarie Curtiss	Anne Hiie	Laura Piipponen	

Happy Birthday!

*Joyce Geary	2/26	*Shirley Schwindt	3/1
Mary Koppelkam	2/26	Dale Tremblay	3/1
Terry Mountford	2/26	Brian Carver	3/1
Mauricio Aguilar	2/26	Amy Breton	3/2
*Connie Hawkins	2/26	*Shar Rosser	3/2
June Johnson	2/27	Barbara Feddern	3/2
Roberta Hobbs	3/1	Lesley Dey	3/2

Happy Anniversary!

Al & Elizabeth Todd	2/28
Todd & Gina Truax	2/28



***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.