

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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March 3, 2024 10:00 am

The Third Sunday in Lent

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in honor of Judy Malone on her birthday by Steve Blad.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in honor of Judy Malone on her birthday by Anne Smith.

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*
Ellen Tanner, *Liturgist*
Gordon Black, *Pianist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Dick Clark & Ruth Felipe
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers),
Ron & Linda Addaman, Barbara Hebert, Carolyn
Magarro
Communion Servers: Joe & Sharon Doggett, Jan
Fern, Jerry Grandey, Price & Carol Lindsay, Jane
Repp, Pete Rodino, Pat Rose, Bill & Sue Van
Fossen

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1-4; 11-14

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Prelude: "It is Well With My Soul"

Bliss/Sykes

"Ave Verum Corpus"

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Gordon Black, *Piano* & Jim Cochran, *Organ*

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Habitat for Humanity

* Call to Worship:

Heaven is declaring God's glory;

The sky is proclaiming God's handiwork.

One day gushes the news to the next,

And one night informs another what needs to be known.

There is no speech, there are no words;

Their voices cannot be heard by us.

Yet their sound extends throughout the world;

Their words reach the ends of the earth!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #92: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ST. CHRISTOPHER

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus

I fain would take my stand,

The shadow of a mighty rock

Within a weary land;

A home within the wilderness,

A rest upon the way,

From the burning of the noontide heat,

And the burden of the day.

2. Upon that cross of Jesus

Mine eye at times can see

The very dying form of One

Who suffered there for me;

And from my stricken heart with tears

Two wonders I confess:

The wonders of redeeming love

And my unworthiness.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. *(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

Exodus 20:1-17

¹Then God spoke all these words, ²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your

livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Jesus Answered"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** 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

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

Craig Courtney (b. 1954)

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**

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

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **Hymn #516:** "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

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| <p>1. Lord, we have come at Your own invitation,
Chosen by You, to be counted Your friends;
Yours is the strength that sustains
dedication,
Ours a commitment we know never ends.</p> <p>2. Here, at your table, confirm our intention,
Give it Your seal of forgiveness and grace;</p> | <p>Teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in Your kingdom, whatever our place.</p> <p>3. When, at Your table, each time of returning,
Vows are renewed and our courage restored;
May we increasingly glory in learning
All that it means to accept You as Lord.</p> |
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* **Commission and Blessing:**

In the Lenten week ahead, find time and space to listen for God's glory.

As it is spoken in the world around us.

May God shine upon you, Christ fill you with true wisdom and strength, and the Holy Spirit guide you into all faithfulness.

Now and forever.

Alleluia.

Amen.

* **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: "Prelude in F Major"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

March 10, 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sermon: "Come to the Light"

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 — **Gospel Reading:** John 3:14-21

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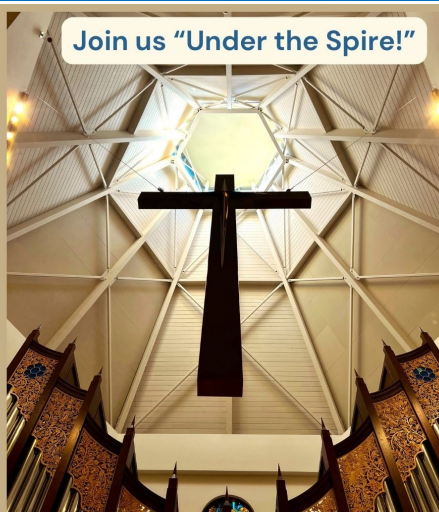
Adventures In Membership

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!"

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.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSIONS

- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** **Sunday, March 3** - Lisa Lefkow will present our Moment for Mission. March is Habitat for Humanity month at VPC!
- **MISSION PENIEL WORKDAY:** **Friday, March 8 at 1pm** - Contact Karen Chappler for more information. kchappler@aol.com
- **SALVATION ARMY:** **Sunday, March 10** - Our Moment for Mission will be a representative from the Salvation Army.
- **MISSION FAIR:** **Sunday, March 17** - Following the service in Fellowship Hall, representatives from 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!



"Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person."
-Mr. Rogers

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

March 6
Mr. Rogers Day

"Love your neighbor."
-Mark 12:31



OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY

- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** **Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library. All are welcome as we study the upcoming readings for worship.
- **SPECIAL EVENT:** **Thursday, March 7 at 7pm** - in the Sanctuary. Free presentation! Leonid Shoshyn, dramatic tenor at the Odessa National Opera and soldier in the war. He will share what it is like being an opera singer and soldier in Ukraine. Presented by Gulfshore Opera.
- **LUNCH BUNCH:** **Sunday, March 10** - Sign up to join with small groups for lunch following worship.
- **OUR NEXT CONCERT:** **Sunday, March 10 at 4pm** - in the Sanctuary. Aaron Tan, Winner of the Dr. James B. Cochran Organ Prize. Highlights include Prokofiev's Toccata & selections from Nutcracker.
- **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.
- **VPC BOOK CLUB:** **Monday, March 18 at 1:30pm** in Harp Hall. We will discuss "Tom Lake" by Anne Patchett. Questions? Email Peggy Landon at mlandon711@gmail.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	Yana Drebyshv & mother	Laura Piipponen
Ron Bartlett	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Joni Poposki
Linda Bauer	Kate Hafner	The Renth Family
The Bell Family	Sandra Johnson	Ron Shaffer
Mimi Braun	Chester & Janet Kauffman	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Carmen Campbell	Robbie Landon	Don Westall
Adriana Caruso	Bob & Doris Martin	Joanne & Bill Whitman
Maureen Clark	The McKee Family	Dot Williams
Bob & Jan Conrad	Tom Messmore	Chris Wood and Family
Dick Creviston	Cathy Nathan	
Don Cullison	Joe Negri	
Tarie Curtiss	Ivana Novelli	
Annette Dietrich	June Peterson	

PRAYER
list



*We are saddened to announce the death of **Marilyn McKee** on February 25, 2024 at the age of 87. Marilyn and her late husband, John, were members of VPC for over 28 years. Please keep her family in your prayers at this tender time.*

Happy Birthday!

Dianne Townsend	3/3
Bill Dersch	3/5
Charles Rainbolt	3/5
*Ellen Tanner	3/7
*Sonia McDonald	3/7
Margaret Swaby	3/7
Ann Grundstrom	3/8

Happy Anniversary!

John & Susanne Pender
3/7

***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!

TIME CHANGE COMING UP...

MARCH 10, 2024



BE SURE TO RESET YOUR CLOCKS ON SATURDAY NIGHT!

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.