



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 10, 2024 10:00 am

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of my husband, Tom Magarro, by Carolyn and in celebration of Riley Grider's birthday and everyone with birthdays and anniversaries in March by the Grider Family.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in celebration of Riley Grider's birthday and everyone with birthdays and anniversaries in March by the Grider Family.

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

Julie Borden, Children's Moment

Gwen Salyer, Liturgist

Colin Gerlach, Violinist

Julie Carver, Pianist

Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne

Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Steve Blad, Henry Gaylord, Anne Smith, Mike Swain, Gisela Yingst

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1-3; 17-22

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ Some were sick through their sinful ways and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

¹⁸ they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

¹⁹ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

²⁰ he sent out his word and healed them and delivered them from destruction.

²¹ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

²² And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Prelude: "Meditation" from *Thaïs*

Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

Colin Gerlach, *Violin*

Announcements

Moment for Mission

The Salvation Army

* Call to Worship:

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #80: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

LONESOME VALLEY

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him,
He had to walk it by Himself.

2. We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves;

O, nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.

3. You must go and stand your trial,
You have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
You have to stand it by yourself.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. *(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

Julie Borden

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

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

The Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Come To the Light"

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.

Reception of New Members

Offering

Offertory: "God So Loved the World"

Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

The Chancel Choir

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, But have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, But that the world through Him might be saved.

*** 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 #446: "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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| 1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes. | Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age. |
| 2. See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove. | 3. Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them when they pray. |

* Commission and Blessing:

Church, we have received the immeasurable riches of God's grace

In kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Go forth to share this gift with others.

May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the light of the Spirit,

Bless us and keep us in the way of truth.

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: "He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need"

Londonderry Air

Amazing Grace, shall always be my song of praise. For it was grace that brought me liberty. I do not know, just why He came to love me so. He looked beyond my fault and saw my need. I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary, To view the cross, where Jesus died for me. How marvelous His grace that caught my falling soul. He Looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

Colin Gerlach, *Violin*

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Ailie Donlon joined as a full time member by letter of transfer from FPC Long Beach in New York. She was born and raised in Scotland and came to the US after college, planning to stay for one year....but that turned into 62 years! She was an Elder at her former church in Oceanside.



Michael Swain joined as a full time member by reaffirmation of faith. He is the husband of VPC member, Gisela Yingst. His is a retired psychiatrist from Naperville, IL and the father of two children. Michael has been active at VPC as an usher and looks forward to meeting new people.

Charles and Caitlin Whittington joined as full time members by reaffirmation of faith. They are parents to Evelyn (7), Parker (5) and Annelise (3) who have attended our VLC. They both attended FSU and had graduate education at FSU school of Law (Charles) and UCF (Caitlin). Caitlin was a psychologist for the CCPS until she became a full-time mother. Charles works at Grant, Fridkin & Pearson, PA. Caitlin is on the Education Ministry Team and helps with the children and youth in Sunday School.



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.

Please stay after worship today for this important meeting.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

March 17, 2024 — The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sermon: "Follow the Plan"

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

Sunday, March 10, 2024 a representative from The Salvation Army will present our Moment for Mission during worship and will be available to answer your questions following the service during Fellowship Hour.



DOING
THE MOST
GOOD

Don't miss the chance to learn more about The Salvation Army!

March 10, 2024 — 4 p.m.

The Winner of the
Dr. James B. Cochran Organ Prize
Aaron Tan



Concert highlights include: Prokofiev's Toccata, selections from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker and Wild Mossy Mountains by Judith Weir.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY

- **LUNCH BUNCH: Sunday, March 10** - Sign up to join with small groups for lunch following worship.
- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library. All are welcome as we study the upcoming readings for worship.
- **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 mldandon711@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

- **EASTER LILIES: Return forms by March 25** - Dedicate Easter lilies in honor or memory of your loved ones. Any amount is appreciated. Forms are in the Narthex.
- **PALM SUNDAY and EASTER FELLOWSHIP HOURS:** We welcome your donations of baked goods or Easter breads for

Holy⁺Week

SCHEDULE

- ***Palm Sunday** March 24 8:00 & 10:00 am
Worship includes Palm Processional with Children and Youth (10am)
 - Maundy Thursday** March 28 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall
Dinner provided by Boston Beer Garden
Call the office by **March 24** to sign up 597-5410
 - ***Good Friday** March 29 7:00 pm
Tenebrae with Chancel Choir, String Quartet, Oboe, Soloist & VandeReaders
 - ***Easter Sunday** March 31 8:00 & 10:00 am
Worship with special music. Sunday School for children & youth including Flowering of the Cross & Easter Egg Hunt (10am)
- *Worship in the Sanctuary



Come
TO THE 2024

MISSION
FAIR

SUNDAY,
MARCH 17
AT 11:00 AM

REPRESENTATIVES FROM MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MISSIONS WILL ATTEND.
THEY WILL SHARE WHAT THEY DO AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOLUNTEER!
THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AT EACH TABLE!

LEARN



How You Can Serve

SEE YOU IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL
AFTER THE
WORSHIP
SERVICE.

Palm Sunday Fellowship Hours

following the 8 & 10 am services

We need your help to make our Fellowship Hours spectacular!
We expect many visitors on Palm Sunday and we want to have a beautiful spread for our fellowship together following worship.

Drop off your donations any weekday between
9am-4pm or on Sunday mornings!

Thank you in advance!

our Fellowship Hours on Palm Sunday (**3/24**) and Easter (**3/31**).
You may drop them off during the week (9am-4pm) or on Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance.

- **FLOWERING OF THE CROSS:** From Good Friday - Easter our cross will be out under the porte cochere so everyone can "flower" the cross. It becomes a beautiful sign of Christ's resurrection.

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 Barillas Family	Annette Dietrich	Cathy Nathan
Ron Bartlett	Yana Drebyshv & mother	Joe Negri
Linda Bauer	Rocky Gianola	Ivana Novelli
Mimi Braun	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	June Peterson
Carmen Campbell	Kate Hafner	Laura Piipponen
Adriana Caruso	Sandra Johnson	Joni Poposki
Maureen Clark	Chester & Janet Kauffman	Ron Shaffer
Bob & Jan Conrad	Robbie Landon	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Dick Creviston	Bob & Doris Martin	Don Westall
Tarie Curtiss	The McKee Family	Joanne & Bill Whitman
	Tom Messmore	Dot Williams
	Nancy Miller	Chris Wood and Family

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Angel Barillas**, father of Norman Barillas, on March 2. You may send a card to Norman in care of the church. Please keep Norman and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*



Happy Birthday!

*Riley Grider	3/10	*Sim Willey	3/14
Bruce Baker	3/10	Parker Whittington	3/14
*Hattie Mikes	3/11	Elizabeth Lowe	3/15
*Patricia Colby	3/12	Tim Riggers	3/15
Libby Catanese	3/12		
Pat Baker	3/14		
Asia Elsbree	3/14		
Al Fletcher	3/14		

Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.



***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.