

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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The church is a member of the Peace River Presbytery, the Synod of South Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) — OneLicense.net # A-719387



March 17, 2024 10:00 am

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of Ron Guthy from his wife, Nancy, and family.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in celebration of the Mission Fair.

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*
Sue Van Fossen, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*

Stanley Leonard, *Timpanist*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Jan Fern & Beth Lee
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head
Ushers), Price & Carol Lindsay, Jack & Ellen
Tanner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 51:1-12

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Prelude: "The Rejoicing" George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
"Hornpipe" from Water Music Suite arr. Stanley Leonard
Stanley Leonard, *Timpanist*

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #485: "To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glory,
great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!

- O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He
hath done.
2. Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through
Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we
see. *Refrain*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people^[a] to myself." ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Follow the Plan"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

* The Affirmation of Faith

from the Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Thy Will Be Done"

Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

The Chancel Choir

The choral scores are a gift from Dave Barstad.

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death. Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope, Gave us Himself. My Father, let this cup pass from me. Yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done. In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane. Pleading with the Father for one more way, For one more hope, for one more day. Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree; And there they broke His body, poured out His life, Put Him to death to rise again!

* 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 #466: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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| 1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace! | 3. Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me. |
| 2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace. | 4. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name. |

* Commission and Blessing:

Jesus said,

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

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: "Rondo"

Stanley Leonard, *Timpani*

John Bull (1562-1628)

arr. Leonard

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

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

SEE YOU IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL
AFTER THE
WORSHIP
SERVICE.


How You Can Serve

Sunday,
March 24, 2024

8:00 and 10:00 am

Worship includes
Chancel Choir and two
Trumpets.
Palm Processional (10am)
with Children and Youth,
Sunday School

Palm Sunday



"Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning."
Psalm 30:5



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

March 24, 2024

8:00 & 10:00 am

Palm Sunday

Sermon: "Blessed"

First Reading:

Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Reading:

Mark 11:1-11

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY

- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:**
Wednesdays at 6pm in the Library. All are welcome!
- **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
- **SERAPHIC FIRE CONCERT: Thursday, March 21 at 7pm** tickets at seraphicfire.org. Conductor Ruben Valenzuela leads Seraphic Fire performing *The Fountains of Israel* by Johann Schein.
- **COLLIER HARVEST PACKING EVENT:**
Monday, March 25 at 4:45pm: 4451 Mercantile Ave. Join us as we pack non-perishable food for those in need. Need info? Email Pete Rodino: pvrodino@aol.com.

Please join us on **Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 6pm** in Fellowship Hall. Call the office by March 24 to sign up for the dinner. 597-5410.
Thank you!

A graphic for Maundy Thursday. On the left is a large, rustic, earthenware chalice. To its right are several pieces of flatbread. The background is dark and textured.

Maundy
Thursday
"Do this in Memory of Me"

Join us on Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall for dinner and a worship service including communion.

A circular logo for Boston Beer Garden (BBG) with the text "BOSTON BEER GARDEN" and "EST. 1983" around the perimeter.

Dinner provided by Boston Beer Garden
Call the office by March 24 to sign up 597-5410

The Flowering of the Cross



Children and youth will experience the Easter tradition of Flowering the Cross during Sunday school, as we transition from Jesus' death on Good Friday to a joyous celebration of His resurrection on Easter Sunday. The cross will be under the porte cochere on Good Friday. Everyone is invited to stop by anytime to add flowers to the cross.




"It is Finished"

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29, 2024
7:00 pm

Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary
With Chancel Choir, String Quartet,
Oboe Soloist & VandeReaders



Easter Sunday Worship Services

8:00 & 10:00am
Traditional service
Chancel Choir &
Matt Sonneborn, trumpet


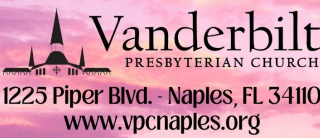
Sunday, March 31,
2024

He is Risen

Matthew 28:6

Bring your family and friends and
share the joy of the Resurrection.

"The Lord is Risen, Indeed!"

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The Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Children and Families meet in
the Student Center
immediately following the
10am worship service.



Wednesday Night Lights

Habitat Build Challenge Family Event

March 20 - Construction
March 24 - Congregational Penny Voting

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or email Heather at hmikes@vpcnaples.org

"Love your neighbor." - Mark 12:31






Extended Communion for Homebound Congregants

If you are unable to attend church and
would like to receive communion at home,
please call Jill Peterson at
239-250-4483.

If you are an ordained Elder or Deacon
and would be willing to help with this
important ministry, please contact Jill to
volunteer.

Other questions?
Call the office - 597-5410



Those who eat my flesh and
drink my blood abide in me,
and I in them.

JOHN 6:56, NRSV

HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

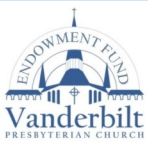
- **EASTER LILIES: Return forms by March 25** - Dedicate Easter lilies in honor or memory of your loved ones. Any amount is appreciated. Forms are in the Narthex.
- **PALM SUNDAY and EASTER FELLOWSHIP HOURS:** We welcome your donations of baked goods or Easter breads for our Fellowship Hours on Palm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

RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE. ENSURE THE FUTURE OF VPC. MAKE A PLANNED GIFT.

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When we offer our resources to God's Kingdom, miraculous multiplication of ministry can occur. By offering what we have, no matter how insignificant it may appear, we are trusting that God will provide and will use our offering for abundant good.



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

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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Happy Birthday!

Bill Hoffman	3/17	Maureen Clark	3/19
Eliana Lynn Berger	3/17	*Karen Hiller	3/21
Pat Kirby	3/17	Bill Cattrell	3/21
Grayson Trees	3/18	Marsha Bennett	3/22
Alayne Eastman	3/18	*Carmen Campbell	3/23
Elle Shepherd	3/18		
Hans Hoppner	3/19		
Karen Talford	3/19		

Happy Anniversary!

Bill & Ann Hoffman 3/23



***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.