



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 24, 2024 — 8:00 & 10:00 am — Palm Sunday

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of my parents, by Gisela Yingst and in loving memory of Angel Barillas, father of Norman, by the VPC Church Family.

Join us at Fellowship Hour for a bountiful spread of donated goodies.

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*
Mary Lynn Myers (8am), **Susie Hilton** (10am),
Liturgist
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpeter*
The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Ann Grundstrom
 (8am), Barbara Hebert & Jan Fern (10am)
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Ben
 Hood, Carline Lobban, George Morton, Joe Trees
 (8am)
 Becky Wheat (Head Usher), David & Susan
 Aufderhaar, Joan Butler, Dick Clark, Terry
 Wilding (10am)
Youth Acolyte (10am): Sebastian Aguilar

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Prelude: Music for Trumpet and Organ

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

With crowds from ancient times we cry,

Hosanna! Save us!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey

Let us worship the living God.

* Hymn #88: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain: All glory, laud and honor

To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One. *Refrain*

2. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present. *Refrain*
3. To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Continued

**Refrain: All glory, laud and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**4. Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! Refrain**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause — to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. (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 (10am)

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

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and

became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-11

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: “Blessed”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Hosanna to the Living Lord!"

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

The Chancel Choir

Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to the incarnate Word! The Lord of hosts is with us, we praise His holy name. To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, let earth, let heaven hosanna sing! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna Lord your angels cry; Hosanna Lord, your saints reply. Come see the mighty works of God, now praise His holy name. Above, beneath us, and around, both dead and living swell the sound! Come now, and look at the works of the Lord, The glorious things He has done on earth. Be still and know that He is God, And have no fear if the earth is moved, or the mountains fall into the sea. So in that last and dreadful day when earth and heaven shall melt away, Take us to your glorious kingdom to live eternally. Your flock, redeemed from sinful stain, will swell the sound of praise again. Hosanna in the highest!

*** 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 #89: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

ELLACOMBE

**1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.**

**2. From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;**

**The Lord of earth and heaven
Ride on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his
bidding wait.**

**3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice.**

*** Commission and Blessing:**

*Let the same mind be in you
that was in Jesus Christ.*

Go forth in peace

To love and serve the world.

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: Music for Trumpet and Organ

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

March 31, 2024 — 8:00 & 10:00 am — Easter

Sermon: "Looking for Jesus"

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 — **Gospel Reading:** Mark 16:1-8



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



March 24, 2024 — 7 p.m.
 Radu Paponiu, Violin
 Milana Strezeva, Piano




Mark your calendar for this incredible duo - Radu on violin and Milana on piano. Two of Southwest Florida's most talented musicians!
Note the time - 7 p.m.

"It is Finished"
GOOD FRIDAY
 Friday, March 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm
 Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary
 With Chancel Choir, String Quartet,
 Oboe Soloist & VandeReaders



WOMEN'S MINISTRY
FRIENDS IN FAITH
 2024
 Wednesday,
 March 27
 10am
 Harp Hall



Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday evening Bible Study will not meet on March 27 due to Holy Week. We will resume on April 3 at 6pm.



WNL - Penny Voting!

Habitat Build Challenge

March 24 - Congregational Penny Voting in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Bring your spare change to vote for your favorite creation!

All proceeds for Habitat for Humanity.



Easter Sunday Worship Services

Chancel Choir,
Carillon Ringers &
Matt Sonneborn,
trumpet

Sunday,
March 31, 2024
8:00 & 10:00am
Traditional service

He is Risen

Matthew 28:6

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

"The Lord is Risen, Indeed!"

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.
- **EASTER FELLOWSHIP HOURS:** We welcome your donations of baked goods or Easter breads for our Fellowship Hours on 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.

Collier Harvest

Join us to pack bags of healthy and nutritious food for our hungry neighbors across Collier County.

Email Pete Rodino
pvrodino@aol.com
to volunteer!

Monday, March 25, 2024, 2024
4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)
4:45-6pm - bagging food
at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt!
Children and Families meet in the Student Center immediately following the 10am worship service.

VBS July 22-26

Registration for Explorers & Volunteers Opens March 25



<https://vbspro.events/p/scuba-vpc>



Friday, March 29, 2024
9:00 am
Leitner Park
26724 Nomad Dr.
Bonita Springs 34135



Join us as we serve those in need. Donations of food and volunteers to serve are needed.

Email Eliza Nevin
elizanevin@comcast.net.

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.

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

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 & hope.

stephen
MINISTRY.

Happy Birthday!

*Judith Jacobs	3/24	Eliza Nevin	3/30
Alex Shreve	3/25	Nancy Miller	3/30
Linda Parker	3/26		
Bruce Hobbs	3/27		
Ruth Schulte	3/27		
Brendan Barber	3/27		
Pamela Barber	3/27		
David Curtiss	3/29		

***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!

Happy Anniversary!

Karen & Richard Talford	3/25
Russell & Kathleen Vance	3/27
Ann & Kevin Foote	3/28



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.