



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 31, 2024 — 8:00 & 10:00 am

Easter Sunday

Join us in Fellowship Hall after the 8 and 10 am services for Fellowship Hour.
We have a beautiful Easter reception provided by many members of our church.

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*
Pat Rose (8am), **Molly Godley** (10am), *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpeter*
The Chancel Choir
The Carillon Ringers, **Gordon Black**, *Director*

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Ann Grundstrom
 (8am), Barbara Hebert & Ruth Felipe (10am)
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head
 Ushers), Ben Hood, Carline Lobban, George
 Morton, Joe Trees (8am);
 Greg & Julie Borden (Head Usher), Steve Blad,
 Sonja Cookson, Henry Gaylord, Anne Smith
 (10am)
Youth Acolyte (10am): Addison Acx

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 118:14-24

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.

Prelude: : Concerto in B flat for Trumpet

Tommaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

II. Andante

I. Allegro

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Hand Bell Prelude: "Rejoice in the Lord"

Stanley Leonard (b. 1931)

Philippians 4:4 — For the Carillon Ringers, Gordon Black, Director — Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

The Carillon Ringers

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Let us worship the living God.

* Hymn #123: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

**1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. (silence - 20 sec.) 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

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures ⁴ and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Hallelujah! Amen!" from Judas Maccabeus

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

The Chancel Choir

Hallelujah, Amen. O Judah, rejoice in songs divine, With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join. Amen.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Looking for Jesus"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from the Book of Common Worship

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Sunday Has Come and Jesus Lives!"

Myers/Beethoven/Thornhill

The Chancel Choir

Sing alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Hail, Easter morning! Victory is dawning: Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Death has been shaken, firstborn awakened, Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Jesus is risen!

Alleluia! Jesus is risen, praise the Lord! Angels of glory, telling the story: Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Sing, Easter people! Ring from the steeples: Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Lo! How the tomb holds only the grave clothes, Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Join with elation in celebration: Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise! He who on the cross as Savior, for the world's salvation bled. Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead. Tell Easter tidings, voices uniting: Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Grace for the asking, life everlasting! Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Honor and laud Him; loudly applaud Him! Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Alleluia!

*** 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 #122: "Thine is the Glory"**

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

1. Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay.

Refrain:
Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
2. Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and
gloom. Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its
sting. *Refrain*
3. No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of
life! Life is naught without Thee; Aid us in
our strife. Make us more than conquerors
Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home
above. *Refrain*

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Celebrate this day of days!
Rejoice in God, your Savior!
Know the new life gifted through Jesus Christ!
Shout your Alleluias for all to hear!
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: Concerto in B flat for Trumpet

Albinoni

III. Allegro

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*
Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



The Easter Lilies adorning the sanctuary are given by:



In honor of *our kids and grandkids*
by Ron & Linda Addaman

In memory of *our parents and friends*
by Ron Addaman

In memory of *Angela Bevilacqua & Joyce Sciascia*
by Michael Bevilacqua

In memory of *our son,*
Captain David E. Bowser, USMC
by Ellsworth & Joanne Bowser

In memory of *loved ones* by Bob & Madge Bush

In memory of *loved ones* by Karen Chappler

In memory of *my parents,*
Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Allen C. Garner
by Virginia Garner Cullison

In memory of *our son, Christopher Davis,*
by Ron & Judy Davis

In memory of *Loren Dawley*
by Debbie and his loving family

In memory of *my parents, Karan & Bruce DeJager,*
by Penny DeJager

In memory of *our parents* by Jill & Doug Dunn

In memory of *Rose & Jose Felipe* by Joseph Felipe
In memory of *Sheldon & Betty Lingenfelter*
by Ruth Felipe

In honor of *Bill Godley* by Molly Godley

In memory of *our parents* by Max & Pat Gould

In memory of *Norman Burke* by Amber Grider

In memory of *our parents* and in honor of
our children, Ed & Connie and grandchildren,
Jacob, Adam, Luke, Mark & Quentin by
Jim & Deane Hawkins

In memory of *our parents* by Chuck & Heidi Holley

In memory of *Byna Hood* by Ben Hood

In memory of *Finley & Jean Lee*
by David & Beth Lee

In honor of the *Daggett & Lepore Families*
by JoAnne Lepore

In loving memory of *my husband, Tom, and Ruth,*
Andrew and Randy Burger by Carolyn Magarro

In memory of *Fran Marinari* by Francine Marinari

In memory of *family members* and *departed*
friends by Bob & Doris Martin

In memory of *family and loved ones*
by the McGuigan Family

In memory of *our parents*
by Dan & Sally Meeuwsen

In loving memory of *Russ Geldmacher* and in
honor of *Patti Runkel* by Cathy Nathan

In memory of *our heavenly family & friends*
by Bill & Geri Payne

In memory of *Annette Kocal* by Jean Rawson

In memory of *our beloved daughter,*
Minnette Reckmeyer Frank
by Bill & Jodi Reckmeyer

In memory of *my husband, Nick,* and
in honor of *our family* by Mary Rench

In memory of *Lloyd & Dorothy Rose*
by Pat Rose & Carol Jorgenson

In honor of *Jim Cochran, Julie Carver* and *our*
great choir members by Lynn & Shar Rosser

In memory of *my beloved husband, Don,*
by Gwen Salyer

In memory of *our parents* by Jack & Ellen Tanner

In memory of *Judy Malone* and *Marilyn McKee* by
Bill & Sue Van Fossen

In honor of *my grandchildren, Anna, Cameron,*
Evelyn, Connor, Ryan & Audrey by Becky Wheat

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

FOR NEXT WEEK

April 7, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Second Sunday of Easter

Sermon: "Walking in the Light"

First Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel Reading: John 20 19-31

A.I.M.

Adventures In Membership

Are you interested in joining
our church family?

April 7 – 11:15am

YOU'RE INVITED

April 3

5:30pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

The staff of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church wish you
and your family a blessed Easter.

He
is
Risen

The office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1, 2024
to allow the staff to spend time with their families.

VBS July 22-26

Registration for Explorers &
Volunteers Opens March 25



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

Pastor's Bible Study

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE UPCOMING READINGS FOR WORSHIP.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO REFLECT ON THE WORD OF GOD!



WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS AT 6PM
IN THE LIBRARY

Can you help? Grace Place has MANY
volunteer opportunities. VPC is helping on
Friday, April 5 from 12-4pm.

Check out their website for a complete
listing of opportunities:

<https://graceplacenaples.org/events/>

Wednesday Night Lights

Habitat Build Challenge

Thank you for your donations!

Our children and youth, together with their
parents and grandparents, served through
participation in the Habitat Build Challenge
during Wednesday Night Lights, raising nearly
\$150. Your generous donations will go directly
to Habitat to help build houses, since our little
hands aren't strong enough (yet) to build the
real thing. We are small, but mighty!



Meals of Hope

Communities coming
together to end hunger!

Presents:

2024 FOOD



BOWL

COMPETITION

We're bringing a team of 10 fifth grade, middle
school and high school students to the 2024 Food
Bowl Games! Email Heather Mikes if you'd like to
serve Meals of Hope and join us for lunch
afterwards. hmikes@vpcnaples.org

APRIL 6TH, 2024 9AM
GULF COAST HIGH SCHOOL

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	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	Hans Hoppner	Laura Piipponen
Maureen Clark	Sandra Johnson	Joni Poposki
Pat Colby	Chester & Janet Kauffman	Ron Shaffer
Bob & Jan Conrad	Robbie Landon	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Dick Creviston	Daisy Lavandero	Laura Warnken
Tarie Curtiss	Mary Manikowski	Don Westall
Andrea Daggett	Doris Martin	Dan Westerlund
Annette Dietrich	Tom Messmore	Joanne & Bill Whitman
Yana Drebyshv & mother	Nancy Miller	The Williams Family
	The Jerrod Myers Family	Chris Wood and Family

STEPHEN MINISTRY

John 11:25-26
"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.'"
 Belief in Jesus is the key to eternal life. Jesus gives us that promise.

Happy Birthday!

Ron Shaffer	3/31	Kelsey Lowe	4/4
*Kathryn Leaming	4/1	Chris Muddell	4/5
Marion Wayenberg	4/1	*Rebecca Wheat	4/5
Toni Keefer	4/2	*Deborah Dawley	4/6
*Maia Day	4/2	Bill Lienemann	4/6
Rodger Jacob	4/3		
Woody Schneider	4/3		
CC Waskey	4/3		



Happy Anniversary!

Dick & Susie Hilton 4/1

***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.