

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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April 14, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Third Sunday of Easter

The flowers on the chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored by the Grider Family. Spring is in the Air! Enjoy the flowers, smells and food that we are so blessed to share!

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
Greg Borden, Liturgist
Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir
The Carillon Ringers, Gordon Black, Director
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne
Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Ron & Linda Addaman, Joan Butler, Dick Clark, Nancy Guthy

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 40:1-5

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴ Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Prelude: "Sanctuary"

Thompson and Scruggs, arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

The Carillon Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

And by those wounds we are healed.

Let us worship the living God.

* Hymn #104: "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

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| <p>1. Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.</p> <p>2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.</p> | <p>Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.</p> <p>3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna, everyone!</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us.
(silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

This is 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

1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Hymn of Promise"

Natalie Sleeth, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

The Carillon Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "We Have Hope"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Offering

Offertory: "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

Linda Lee Johnson & Tom Fettke

The Chancel Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the works of Your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh what is man that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor; and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the fields, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. You have given man a crown of glory and honor; and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. Little children praise Him perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia, Alleluia. The majesty and glory of Your name.

*** 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 #106: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to His name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. Refrain.

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain.

3. We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever. Refrain.

4. Come, let us praise the living God.

Joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain.

*** Commission and Blessing:**

The word of God assures us:

What we will be has not yet been revealed.

Live, therefore, with hope, share your joy, withhold your anger,

shed your disappointments, turn to all people with gentleness.

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: "Toccata in C Major"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

At the April Adventures in Membership gathering,
six people decided to join us in our ministry at Vanderbilt!
Please take a moment to welcome our newest members when you see them.



Noel & Shanna Davies joined VPC as full time members by reaffirmation of faith. Noel is a Naples native who is a real estate attorney and owner of Davies Duke Law Firm. Shanna hails from Kingston, NY and used to work at JP Morgan Private Bank. She is now a stay at home mom to their three children; Callahan (5), Capriana (4), and Macalister (1). They were married at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church and were members there. Their family loves the VLC and VPC. Shanna is an active member of the VLC Parent Team and the entire family is excited to be more involved in the life of the church!



Joan Harter grew up in Pennsylvania and moved to Naples from Georgia. Since becoming a widow, she has been living with a friend in Ibis Cove. She joined our VPC family as a full time member by reaffirmation of faith. She is a dog lover and enjoys training her pet. She loves music and dance and is looking forward to becoming involved in the life of VPC.



Carol Jorgensen joined VPC as an affiliate member and is also a member of Okemos Community Church in Okemos, MI. Carol has worked at Oh My Gauze and as Director of Compliance for United Healthcare. Her husband died suddenly in 2015 and she moved to Naples to live with her sister and VPC member, Pat Rose. Carol is grateful to be an affiliate member at VPC and enjoys helping with the Parish Life Team.



Will & Gillian Raymond joined by reaffirmation of faith as full time members. Will has worked as a corporate, commercial banker and an educational administrator. He enjoys golf, tennis and outreach. Gillian is a native of England who moved to the United States at the age of 21. She had a career as a project manager in the technology field. She was raised in the church of England and loves Episcopal liturgy. In addition to golf and tennis, Gillian enjoys horticulture.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

April 21, 2024 10:00 am The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sermon: "We Abide in Christ"

First Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Reading: John 10: 11-18



April 14, 2024 — 4 p.m.

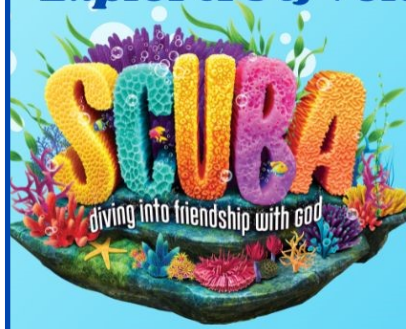
Jeanie Darnell, Soprano
Sebastian Plymette, Tenor
Julie Carver, Piano



This afternoon of song will feature a variety of music including opera arias, art songs, spirituals and Broadway favorites. Mark your calendar for the final concert of our 2023-2024 series.

Dive into VBS!
July 22-26, 2024

**Registration for
Explorers & Volunteers is Open!**



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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Earth Night

April 17

5:30pm-7:15pm



We've Got the Whole World In Our Hands...

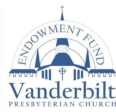
Pastor's Bible Study

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**

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



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.



Weekend Power Pack!
Join us at our packing party!

Thursday, April 18th at
10:30am in Fellowship Hall.



We need financial donations!

Please send any amount and put WPP in the memo
www.vpcnaples.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!
Contact Becky Wheat at sportbroad@comcast.net.

WORSHIP. EQUIP. SERVE.

**Plug In To
Family
Led Worship**

April 21, May 19 (Graduation Sunday)
& July 28 (VBS Celebration Sunday)

10:00 a.m.



Organ Tour & Demo!

Would you like to learn more about the amazing *Lively Fulcher Organ* at Vanderbilt? Stay after worship on **Sunday, April 21 at 11:15am** for a "Tour of the Organ" including a demonstration by our Director of Music, Dr. James Cochran.

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	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Joni Poposki
Linda Bauer	Kate Hafner	Ron Shaffer
Carmen Campbell	Sandra Johnson	Rev. Louis Thompson
Adriana Caruso	Chester & Janet Kauffman	Yvonne & Tony
Bob & Jan Conrad	The Landon Family	Van Rooyen
Dick Creviston	Daisy Lavandero	John Vaughn
Yana Drebyshv & Family	Mary Manikowski	Laura Warnken
Langdon Elsbree	Doris Martin	Dan Westerlund
Nadine Gaylord	The Messmore Family	Joanne & Bill Whitman
For the blessing of	The Jerrod Myers Family	The Williams Family
grandchildren & great-	Ivana Novelli	Chris Wood and Family
grandchildren by	Linda Parker	
Christina Geiser	June Peterson	
Rocky Gianola	Laura Piipponen	

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Romans 10:9
 "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
 The peace of God's promise comforts the grieving.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

Jim Flick	4/14	Joseph Bostater	4/19
Colette Vayda	4/14	Dick Clark	4/19
Lois Ann Folliard	4/15	Lillia Guttsahl	4/20
*Ells Bowser	4/17	*Ruth Felipe	4/20
David Rohde	4/17		
*Barbara Hebert	4/18		
Robert Conrad	4/19		
Christi Millard	4/19		

Ells & Joanne Bowser 4/17



***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.