

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 21, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Fourth Sunday of Easter — Family Led Worship

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of my very special parents,
Alice and Frederick Osmond by Barbara Osmond Hebert.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Kit Chamberlain to commemorate the birthday of Lynne Soule.

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*
Jerry Grandey, *Liturgist*
Scarlett Mullen, *Youth Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*

Gordon Black, *Pianist*
John Weiss, *Cellist*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Barbara Hebert & Jan Fern
Ushers: Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Price
 & Carol Lindsay, Carolyn Magarro, Gwen Salyer
Carter Mikes, *Youth Acolyte*
Devon Grider & Riley Mikes, *Youth Ushers*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 80:1-7

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

⁴ O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶ You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Prelude: "Vocalise"

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

John Weiss, *Cello* & Gordon Black, *Piano*

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Let us worship the living God.

* Hymn #108: "Christ is Alive!"

TRURO

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| 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die. | 4. In every insult, rift and war, Where color, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, And lives, where even hope has died. |
| 2. Christ is alive! No longer bound To distant years in Palestine, But saving, healing, here and now, And touching every place and time. | 5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Good news to this and every age, Till earth and sky and ocean ring With joy, with justice, love and praise. |
| 3. Not throned afar, remotely high, Untouched, unmoved by human pains, But daily, in the midst of life, Our Savior in the Godhead reigns. | |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. (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 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows

everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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Thanks be to God.

Message: "We Abide in Christ"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from a Brief Statement of Faith

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. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

arr. Richard Erickson

The Chancel Choir

I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus. God sent the stars to give light to the world The star of my life is Jesus. In Him, there is no darkness at all, The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God, Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path And show me the way to the Father. I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path And show me the way to the Father. I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of

Jesus.

*** 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 #118: "The Day of Resurrection"**

LANCASHIRE

1. **The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From this world unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.**
2. **Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And, listening to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.**
3. **Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our joy that hath no end.**

*** Commission and Blessing:**

In the name of the good shepherd,

Love one another.

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life,

And, at your life's end, may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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: "Fantasia in D Major"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

April 28, 2024 10:00 am — The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sermon: "We Bear Fruit"

First Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

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**

Organ Tour and 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.**

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, April 22, 2024,
4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)
4:45-6pm - bagging food
at 4451 Mercantile Ave.

WORSHIP. EQUIP. SERVE.

**Plug In To
Family
Led Worship**

April 21, May 19 (Graduation Sunday)
& July 28 (VBS Celebration Sunday)
10:00 a.m.



**Friday, April 26, 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.**



Studying
"Love Carved
in Stone"
by Eugenia
Anne Gamble

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

FRIENDS IN FAITH

2024



Wednesday,
April 24 at
10am
Harp Hall

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

2 Corinthians 5:17

*"Therefore if anyone is in
Christ, the new creation has
come: The old has gone,
the new is here."*

Seek comfort in God's word.

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MINISTRY.

First Presbyterian Church,
Dunedin invites you to the

Celebration of the
50th Anniversary of the

Ordination of

The Rev. Dr.

Thomas P. Harp

Sunday, June 9, 2024

10:30 am

First Presbyterian Church
of Dunedin

455 Scotland Street

Dunedin FL 34698

To send Dr. Harp a card use
his home address:

1441 Forestedge Blvd.

Oldsmar, FL

34677

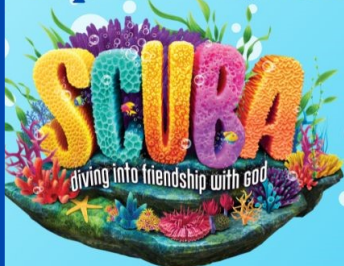


THE ALLELUIA CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

Children and youth of all ages are invited to
music with Dr. Jim and Mrs. Carver
on Sundays 11:30am-12pm
in Cochran Music Hall.

Dive into VBS!
July 22-26, 2024

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



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

SERAPHIC FIRE CONCERT

In our sanctuary at 7pm on Thursday, April 25, the GRAMMY-nominated professional choir, Seraphic Fire will perform a program of music entitled Mid-Century Modern. The post-World War mindset that sparked a more minimalist style also stimulated dramatic changes in the music of that era. Emotional, hopeful, expectant – composers had diverse responses to the world situation. For tickets, visit SeraphicFire.org or call 305-285-9060.

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
Linda Bauer
Carmen Campbell
Adriana Caruso
Bob & Jan Conrad
Dick Creviston
Yana Drebyshv & Family
Langdon Elsbree
The Gaylord Family

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| Rocky Gianola | Joni Poposki |
| Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt | Ron Shaffer |
| Kate Hafner | Rev. Louis Thompson |
| Sandra Johnson | Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen |
| Chester & Janet Kauffman | Judy Varian |
| Daisy Lavandero | John Vaughn |
| Mary Manikowski | Laura Warnken |
| Doris Martin | Dan Westerlund |
| Ivana Novelli | Joanne & Bill Whitman |
| Linda Parker | Chris Wood |
| June Peterson | and Family |
| Laura Piipponen | |

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Nadine Gaylord** on April 12, 2024. Nadine and her husband, Henry, joined Vanderbilt in 2022 and became very involved in the church. A memorial service will be held on **May 18 at 11am** at VPC. Please keep Henry and the Gaylord family in your prayers at this difficult time.*

Letters of condolence can be sent to Henry at: 151 Cypress Way E. Apt. A104, Naples, FL 34110

Happy Birthday!

*Jack Tanner 4/22
Ayden Carver 4/22
*Jill Dunn 4/22
*Scott Cunningham 4/22
*Dick Hilton 4/23
*Reggie Smith 4/23
Al Todd 4/24
*Carolyn Elmore 4/24

*David Gibson 4/25
Joan Butler 4/25
Wendy Baker 4/26
Richard Grunert 4/27

***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!

Bayne & Myrna Carew 4/22
Price & Carol Lindsay 4/25



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.