

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 7, 2024 — 10:00 am — The Second Sunday of Easter

The flowers on the chancel are donated by Jill Peterson for her 70th birthday and the last 32 years attending and serving the ministries at VPC — & In loving memory of Cynthia Hawkins Shogren by Trudy Stewart.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in honor of Pastor Rob for his words of encouragement and for making everyone feel welcome while attending VPC by Joe Hodgson and Nancy Diederich.

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*
Jim Muir, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Dick Clark & Becky Wheat
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Barbara Hebert, Mike Swain, Terri Wilding, Gisela Yingst
Communion Servers: Karen Chappler, Joe & Sharon Doggett, Jill Dunn, Jerry Grandey, Tom Hauschild, Price & Carol Lindsay, Mary Lynn Myers, Pete Rodino, Pat Rose

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 3

¹ O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

² many are saying to me, "There is no help for you in God."

³ But you, O LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

⁴ I cry aloud to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy hill.

⁵ I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the LORD sustains me.

⁶ I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷ Rise up, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Deliverance belongs to the LORD; may your blessing be on your people!

Prelude: "Aria in F Major"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Peace be with you.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.

Let us worship the living God.

* Hymn #113: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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| 1. "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! | 3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia! |
| 2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia! | 4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia! |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

You have shown yourself to us O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. *(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 1:1- 2:2

1:1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— 3 what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Walking in the Light"

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: "Let This Mind be in You"

Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir

Let this mind be in you which was in Lord Jesus Christ. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, And was made in human likeness: And being found in human fashion, He humbled Himself, became obedient unto death, Even the death of the cross. Wherefore God has raised Him up, and given Him a name above all names: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, Whether in heaven or earth, or under the earth; That every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, To the glory of God the

Father!

*** 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**

Pastoral Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion: Improvisation

Julie Carver

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Hymn #115: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

ST KEVIN

**1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel
Into joy from sadness;**

**Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them, with unmoistened foot,
Through the Red Sea waters.**

Continued

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ has burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.

Now rejoice, Jerusalem,
And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Let your life be a sign of Christ's life
So that others may come to believe
That the Lord is risen indeed!
This is the blessing of the Lord: life forevermore.
Alleluia!
Amen!

*** The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

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.

Postlude: Postlude on "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

April 14, 2024 10:00 am The Third Sunday of Easter

Sermon: "We Have Hope"

First Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

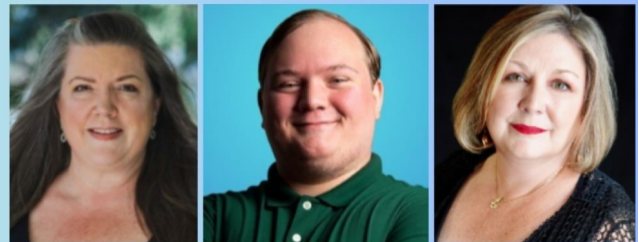
Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48

April 14, 2024 — 4 p.m.

Jeanie Darnell, Soprano

Sebastian Plymette, Tenor

Julie Carver, Piano



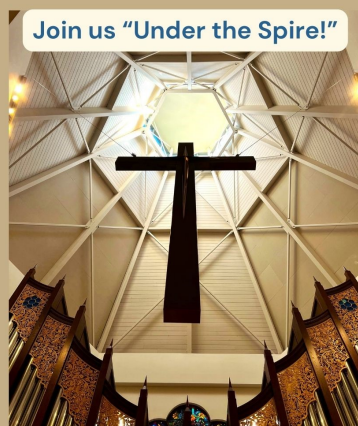
This afternoon of song will feature a variety of music including opera arias, art songs, spirituals and Broadway favorites. Mark your calendar for the final concert of our 2023-2024 series.

A.I.M.

**Adventures In
Membership**

TODAY!

April 7 – 11:15am



We are saddened to announce the death of **Dorothy "Dot" Williams** on March 26, 2024 at the age of 90. Dot and her late husband, Al, were members of VPC for over 29 years. The family will hold a private interment service at a later date. Please keep them in your prayers at this tender time.

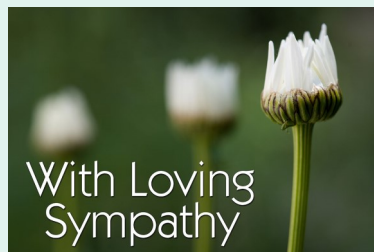
Letters of condolence can be sent to her son, Ron Williams, 2058 Route 9, 423 Red Knot Court, Ocean View, NJ 08230.

We are saddened to announce the death of **Tom Messmore** on March 30, 2024. Tom was the husband of VPC member, Sharon. The family will hold a memorial service at a later date. Please keep them in your prayers at this difficult time.

Letters of condolence can be sent to Sharon, 4456 Pond Apple Dr N, Naples, FL 34119.

Please keep Peggy Landon and her family in your prayers upon the recent death of her son, **Robert "Robbie" Landon**.

To send a card to Peggy, 4623 Oak Leaf Dr, Naples, FL 34119.



Sign up to join us for lunch! Small groups gather at a local restaurant to enjoy lunch at 12pm. Sign up on Sunday mornings during Fellowship Hour or call the office.

Our next date is:
April 14, 2024

JOIN US

Vanderbilt Ladies Who Lunch

(for our single ladies) will hold their second luncheon on **Monday, April 15 at 12:00pm**. We had such a lovely time at our first event, and hope that you will join us for our second gathering.

Email Barbara Hebert at barbillsr@aol.com



Weekend Power Pack!
Join us at our packing party!

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



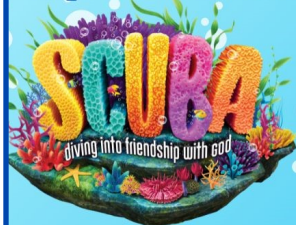
We need financial donations!

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.

Dive into VBS!
July 22-26, 2024
Registration for Explorers & Volunteers is Open!



<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

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
Pat Colby
Bob & Jan Conrad
Dick Creviston
Annette Dietrich
Yana Drebyshv & Family
Langdon Elsbree

Nadine Gaylord
Rocky Gianola
Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt
Sandra Johnson
Chester & Janet Kauffman
The Landon Family
Daisy Lavandero
Mary Manikowski
Bob & Doris Martin
The Messmore Family
The Jerrod Myers Family
Ivana Novelli
Linda Parker
June Peterson

Laura Piipponen
Joni Poposki
Ron Shaffer
Rev. Louis Thompson
Yvonne & Tony
Van Rooyen
John Vaughn
Laura Warnken
Don Westall
Dan Westerlund
Joanne & Bill Whitman
The Williams Family
Chris Wood and Family

STEPHEN MINISTRY

1 Corinthians 6:14

“And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.”

When we leave this earth, God’s promise is forever.



Happy Birthday!

Erin Klein 4/7
Heather Anderson 4/7
*Jill Peterson 4/9
Fred Minter 4/9
Mary Rench 4/10
Claudia Aguilar 4/10
Betsy Witte 4/11
Dick Hardgrove 4/12

Wealtha Flick 4/12
Marian Cattrell 4/12
Gayle Kaderly 4/12
Gary Christensen 4/13

Happy Anniversary!

Margaret & Lance Waters 4/11
Rodger & Penny Jacob 4/12
Stanley & Margaret Leonard 4/13

***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.