

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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May 12, 2024 — 10:00 am The Seventh Sunday of Easter

The flowers on the chancel are given to honor all mothers and in loving memory of Ethel Burlingham Lea and Charlene Muir, our mothers, by Jim & Sally Muir and by the Bevilacqua and Sciascia Families.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Debra & Michael Bevilacqua.

Worship Participants

Tom Grundstrom, *Guest Preacher*
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*
Gwen Salyer, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*

The Chancel Choir
The Campanile Ringers, **Gordon Black**, *Director*
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), David &
Susan Aufderhaar, Steve Blad, Sonja Cookson,
Doug Dunn

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 108: 1-4

¹ My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul!

² Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.

³ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples,
and I will sing praises to you among the nations.

⁴ For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

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Prelude: "Jesus Medley"

Patricia Sanders Cota

(Jesus, Name Above All Names, Open Our Eyes, Lord, Majesty)

The Campanile Ringers

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff

But who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

They yield fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #469: "Morning Has Broken"

BUNNESAN

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| 1. Morning has broken | 2. Sweet the rain's new fall | 3. Mine is the sunlight! |
| Like the first morning, | Sunlit from heaven, | Mine is the morning |
| Blackbird has spoken | Like the first dewfall | Born of the one light |
| Like the first bird. | On the first grass. | Eden saw play! |
| Praise for the singing! | Praise for the sweetness | Praise with elation, |
| Praise for the morning! | Of the wet garden, | Praise every morning, |
| Praise for them, springing | Sprung in completeness | God's recreation |
| Fresh from the Word! | Where God's feet pass. | Of the new day! |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; 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

Psalm 1:1-6

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, ²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, ⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

arr. Julie Bearden Carver

for Olivia on her Baptism, April 13, 2014

Julie Carver & Gordon Black, piano

The Second Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers and sisters, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus, ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹"So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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Message: "Embracing What's Next"

Tom Grundstrom

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Hymn of Peace"

Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

The Chancel Choir

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; Leave to thy God to order and provide. In every change He faithful will remain. Be still my soul: the hour is hastening on when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone. Be still, my soul: When change and tears are past. Be still, my soul: all blessed shall meet at last. Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise; acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways. So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye. Be still, my soul.

*** 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 #423: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"**

DUKE STREET

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| <p>1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> <p>2. To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.</p> <p>3. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,</p> | <p>And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.</p> <p>4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed.</p> <p>5. Let every creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing:**

Living in the love of Christ, be open to God calling you into a new ministry.

Jesus Christ has already given us into the arms of a loving God.

Therefore go in the Spirit of peace. 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: "Sortie in F Major"

César Franck (1822-1890)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

May 19, 2024 10:00 am

The Day of Pentecost

Sermon: "Pour Out the Spirit"

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

THANK YOU

TOM GRUNDSTROM!

We welcome Tom Grundstrom to our pulpit today. Tom and his wife, Ann, joined Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church last fall, after they relocated from North Carolina. Before retiring as an IT executive in the Clinical Research industry for 30 years, Tom served two different churches in the Evangelical Covenant Church of America as an ordained minister.



A Church Tour is available on Sunday, May 19.

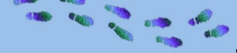


Tour departs from the sanctuary after the 10am worship service.

Come and explore the facility, you might be surprised at what you learn!



Take a walk with us!



Learn about your church facility!



Look for the BLUE shirts!

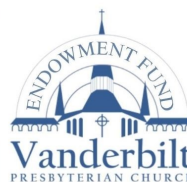


Members, visitors, everyone is welcome!



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

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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.

VBS Needs Y-O-U!

Share God's love with children this summer

July 22-26, 9am-12pm!

Vacation Bible School is loads of fun and full of lasting impact for everyone involved. There are lots of opportunities for every level of giftedness and availability. **So many ways to serve: adults, collegiate, rising middle school and high school students.**

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

Please consider sending donations directly to our team. Email Heather for more information:

hmikes@vpcnaples.org



We're all moving
UP!

May 12 is the FINAL deadline to email
Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org
your graduate/moving up picture and info.


Graduation Sunday
May 19, 2024

Celebrating graduates and educational milestones!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love."
- Lamentations 3:32

Hope for those missing and grieving their mothers today. Stephen Ministers can help navigate these difficult times.




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, May 20, 2024
4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)
4:45-6pm - bagging food
at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



Join Us!

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 11:30am
The Vanderbilt Learning Center
Spring Concert & Graduation

WORSHIP. EQUIP. SERVE.

Plug In To
Family
Led Worship

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



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LET'S
GLOW
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
May 15

You are the light of the world - created to glow in the dark!

Dinner at 5:30PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

WNL BREAKS FOR THE SUMMER

**LUNCH
BUNCH**
May 12, 2024

JOIN US

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	Laura Piipponen
Christy Bauer	Kate Hafner	Joni Poposki
Linda Bauer	Sandra Johnson	Ron Shaffer
Alexis Bevan	Chester & Janet Kauffman	Rev. Louis Thompson
Carmen Campbell	Doris Martin	Bob Townsend
Adriana Caruso	Rick Miles	Rosemary Ufheil
Bob & Jan Conrad	The Newman Family	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Jordan Cornell	Ivana Novelli	Judy Varian
Dick Creviston	Tami Oelkrug	Dan Westerlund
Yana Drebyshv & Family	Linda Parker	Joanne & Bill Whitman
The Fessler Family	The Peterson & DeBaun Families	Chris Wood & Family

Happy Birthday!

Karen Chappler	5/12
Anne Smith	5/13
*Steve Blad	5/14
Laura Piipponen	5/14
*Jean Dugan	5/14
*Jim Shields	5/15
Cynthia MacLeod	5/15
Bob Townsend	5/15
Jay Truax	5/16
*Buck Evans	5/18

Happy Anniversary!

Bill & Marian Cattrell	5/12
Ron & Judy Davis	5/17
Joe & Jill Trees	5/17
Cynthia & William Waskey	5/18

***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-Tennessee (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.