

# 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 26, 2024 — 10:00 am — Trinity Sunday

The flowers on the chancel are given in honor of those who lost their lives while defending our country by Molly Godley and in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary by Bob & Doris Martin.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in celebration of the end of a great school year by the Grider Family.

### 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*  
**Mary Lynn Myers**, *Liturgist*

**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*  
**Virginia Garner Cullison**, *Violinist*  
**The Chancel Choir**  
**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** Joan Butler & Priscilla Kutler  
**Ushers:** Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Sonja Cookson, Henry Gaylord, Price & Carol Lindsay

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare,  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**Prelude:** "Aria"

C. Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

### Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship:

*Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.*

**Glory to God forever.**

*Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above by the Spirit.*

**The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus, is to be born of water and Spirit.**

*That gift is available this day. May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine.*

**Amen.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #138: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!"

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| <p><b>1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!</b><br/><b>Early in the morning</b><br/><b>our song shall rise to Thee;</b><br/><b>Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!</b><br/><b>God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!</b></p> <p><b>2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,</b><br/><b>Casting down their golden crowns</b><br/><b>around the glassy sea;</b><br/><b>Cherubim and seraphim</b><br/><b>falling down before Thee,</b><br/><b>Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.</b></p> | <p><b>3. Holy, holy, holy!</b><br/><b>though the darkness hide Thee,</b><br/><b>Though the eye of sinfulness</b><br/><b>Thy glory may not see,</b><br/><b>Only Thou art holy;</b><br/><b>there is none beside Thee</b><br/><b>Perfect in power, in love, and purity.</b></p> <p><b>4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!</b><br/><b>All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,</b><br/><b>in earth, and sky, and sea;</b><br/><b>Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!</b><br/><b>God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!</b></p> |
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## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit.**  
*(silence) Amen.*

### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*May God's peace be with you.*

**And also with you.**

### \* 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 Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

*<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished*

that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'<sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"<sup>11</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony."<sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."<sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"      Traditional Patriotic  
Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

### **The Second Reading**

Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Send Me"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons**

**\* The Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory: "Holy, Holy, Holy, We Worship You"**

Benjamin Harlan (b. 1954)

The Chancel Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

We worship you, Almighty God. In You alone is our delight.

We worship you, O Holy God, and lift our voice to sing Your praise. Alleluia.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Our God is Holy! God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

**\* 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 #562:** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

1. **Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea.**
2. **O Savior, whose almighty word  
The wind and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amid its rage did sleep:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea.**
3. **O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
Upon the chaos wild and rude,  
And bade its angry tumult cease,  
And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea.**
4. **O Trinity of love and power,  
All travelers guard in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

\* **Commission and Blessing:**

*God said, "Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us?"*

**And Isaiah said, "Here am I, send me!"**

*Life-giving God, free us from our fear,*

**Fill us with your love, and send us forth in 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.**

\* **Congregational Postlude:** "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

William Steffe (1830-1890)

**We encourage everyone to sing along.**

Mine eyes have seen the glory Of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage Where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning Of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

**Refrain:** Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! (*3 times*) His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet That shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men Before His judgement seat; Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; Be jubilant, my feet;

Our God is marching on. **Refrain.**

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

**June 2, 2024 10:00 am — The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon:** "Your Servant is Listening"

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 2:23-3:6 — **Second Reading:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10





**DO YOU ENJOY OUR FELLOWSHIP HOURS?**

The Parish Life Team is a small but mighty group of volunteers that make our Fellowship Hours amazing. While members of the team are away for the summer, they would like to ask you to bring something to share when you come for worship on Sunday mornings. If we each bring something small, we will have plenty. Just drop it off on your way to church!

**Thanks in advance!**


**VANDERBILT LADIES WHO LUNCH**

Single ladies, you are welcome to join the group for a luncheon on Monday, June 10 at 12pm. Email Barbara Hebert at [barbillsr@aol.com](mailto:barbillsr@aol.com).


**Thank You Education Ministry Volunteers!**

As we wrap up the school year, we pause a moment to say thank you to our amazing volunteers for helping our families, children and youth grow in faith.


**We are blessed by a team of Sunday school teachers including Rebecca Acx, Amber Grider, Jason Mikes, Penny O’Kelley, Brooke Vayda and Caitlin Whittington.**



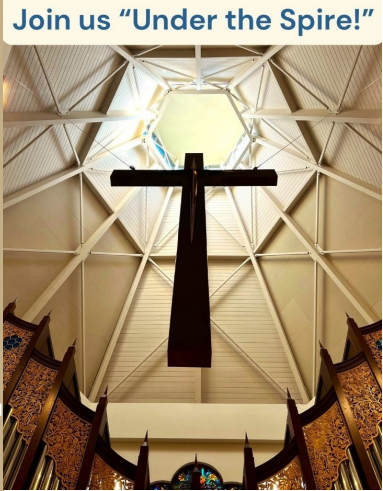
**We are also grateful for our children and youth group leaders who help us shine during Wednesday Night Lights including Ellen Crown, Amber Grider, Jason Mikes, Pete Rodino and Sue & Bill Van Fossen.**




**Thank you to our church family, Elder Amber Grider and the entire Education Ministry Team including Brooke Vayda and Caitlin Whittington, for your constant support and encouragement.**



**A.I.M.**  
**Adventures In Membership**  
 Are you interested in joining our church family?  
 Join us for worship and stay for a brief Q&A with Pastor Rob as we chat about Vanderbilt and what it means to be involved in the ministry of Christ’s church.  
\*childcare provided  
**June 2 – 11:15am**



**Friday, May 31, 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](mailto:elizanevin@comcast.net)**

## 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	Laura Piipponen
Emerson Base	Greenblatt	Joni Poposki
Christy Bauer	Kate Hafner	Ron Shaffer
Linda Bauer	Gloria Hagopian	Mary Lou Strabel
Alexis Bevan	Sandra Johnson	Bob Townsend
Carmen Campbell	Chester & Janet	Rosemary Ufheil
Adriana Caruso	Kauffman	Yvonne & Tony
Dick Clark	Doris Martin	Van Rooyen
Bob & Jan Conrad	Rick Miles	Dan Westerlund
Jordan Cornell	Gordon Mitchell	Joanne & Bill
Dick Creviston	Ron Moore	Whitman
Yana Drebyshv & Family	Ivana Novelli	Chris Wood & Family
Joe Felipe	Linda Parker	

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

An acronym to help your conversation with God:

**Adoration** - telling God the reasons why you love him and values his presence in your life.

**Confession** - acknowledging to God the ways you have fallen short in living a life that reflects Christ.

**Thanksgiving** - thanking God for all of the good gifts that he has given you, including mercy, grace and love.

**Supplication** - is asking God to address the issues and concerns that are on your heart for yourself and for others. **ACTS**

### Happy Birthday!

Cohen Vayda	5/26	Bee Getman	5/31
Alicia Farman	5/26	Jean Lonergan	6/1
Wendi-Anne MacKinlay	5/26	Babs Brock	6/1
Jayce Brian Vanhorn Wood	5/27	Haley Hood	6/1
*Stephen Schock	5/27		
Annelise Whittington	5/27		
Sara McConnell	5/28		
Anne Christensen	5/28		
Bill Whitman	5/30		

### Happy Anniversary!

Rob & Jan Conrad	5/28
Adam & Kristin Day	5/28
Robert & Doris Martin	5/30

**\*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](mailto: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)



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