

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.

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

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.

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.



1225 Piper Blvd., Naples, Florida 34110 — www.vpcnaples.org Office: 239-597-5410 — Learning Center: 239-594-9557 The church is a member of the Peace River Presbytery, the Synod of South Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) — OneLicense.net # A-719387



June 23, 2024 — 10:00 am The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored in loving memory of June Peterson by her family.

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary by Jim & Babs Brock.

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* **Karen Chappler**, *Liturgist* **Julie Carver,** Pianist

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne

Ushers: Pat Rose (Head Usher), David & Susan Aufderhaar, Barbara Hebert, Carolyn Magarro, Gwen Salyer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³ Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;

²⁴ they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.

²⁵ For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

²⁶ They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;

²⁷ they reeled and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.

²⁸ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;

²⁹ he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

³⁰ Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

³¹ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Prelude: "Voluntary in C Major"

Richard Peek (1927-2005)

Andante - Allegro - Dance

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

How very good and pleasant it is

when sisters and brothers live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,

Like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.

Together, let us worship God.

* Hymn #428: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

SCHUMANN

- We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2. May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive,
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our first-fruits give.
- 3. To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,

To tend the lonely in distress, Is angels' work below.

- The captive to release,
 To God the lost to bring,
 To teach the way of life and peace It is a Christ-like thing.
- 5. And we believe Thy Word,
 Though dim our faith may be;
 Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
 We do it unto Thee.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹ As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love,

⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true, ⁹ as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed, ¹⁰ as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything. ¹¹ We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹² There is no restriction in our affections but only in yours. ¹³ In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Finding Peace in All Things"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

* The Affirmation of Faith

from A 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. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. 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: "The Gift of Love"

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

The Chancel Choir

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

* 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 #404: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PRECIOUS LORD

- 1. Precious Lord, take my hand.
 Lead me on, help me stand;
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 Through the storm, through the night,
 Lead me on to the light;
 Take my hand, precious Lord,
 Lead me home.
- 2. When my way grows drear,
 Precious Lord, linger near;
 When my life is almost gone,
 Hear my cray, hear my call,
 Hold my hand lest I fall;
 Take my hand, precious Lord,
 Lead me home.

* Commission and Blessing:

Go out and be Christ's hands and feet.

Do not be afraid!

The creator of all that is upholds your life;

Christ himself walks by our side;

The Spirit gives you breath to speak God's grace

And sing God's praise.

Alleluia!

Amen!

* Benediction Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Copyright 1955 by Jan-Lee Music. Renewed 1983. Used by permission.)

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: "Voluntary in C Major" Richard Peek (1927-2005)

Allegro

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

June 30, 2024 10:00 am The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: "A Little Faith Can Go a Long Way" **First Reading:** 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 5:21-34

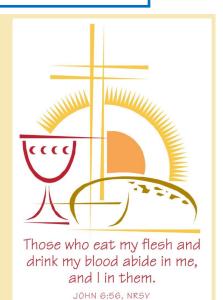
Extended Communion for Homebound Congregants

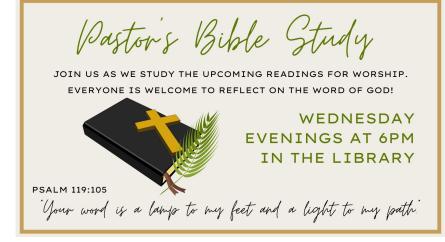
If you are unable to attend church and would like to receive communion at home, please call the office at 239-597-5410.

If you are an ordained Elder or Deacon and would be willing to help with this important ministry, we need volunteers.

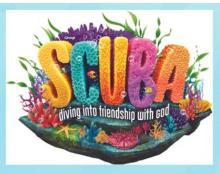


Sharing God's love!









VBS Mission Project June 28 - July 28

We are collecting school supplies and backpacks for our mission partners: **Grace Place and Misión Peniel.**

We hope this year's VBS Mission Project will help alleviate some of the financial stress for families and ensure their children (K-12th grade) have what they need for a successful school year.

Thank you!

- Wide ruled spiral themed notebooks
- Glue Sticks
- #2 Pencils (pre-sharpened)
- Black Pens
- Red Pens
- Rulers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- 24-Pack Crayons
- 8/10 Pack Washable Markers
- **Pocket Folders with Prongs**
- Zipper Backpacks (no drawstring day packs please)
- Monetary donations can also be made to VPC via check or online. Please note VBS Mission Project in the memo line.
- Buy an extra of anything your kiddo would love to start the school year!







Stephen Ministers bring God to the broken hearted.

1 John 4:12

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete."



Please join us on the second Monday of each month for luncheon at a special

restaurant...fun, food and friendship!

Please email Barbara Hebert barbillsr@aol.com - for further information!

We look forward to meeting you!



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.

Emerson Base Chester & Janet Kauffman Joni Poposki

Peg Black Bill Koppelkam Harriet Shouldice

Carmen Campbell Liz Lynn Ron Shaffer

Adriana Caruso **Doris Martin** Mary Lou Strabel **Bob Townsend Bob & Jan Conrad Rick Miles** Dick Creviston Mark Miller Rosemary Ufheil

Asia Elsbree Matt Miller Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen

Joe & Ruth Felipe Gordon Mitchell Marion Wayenberg Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt Ron Moore Dan Westerlund

Kate Hafner Ivana Novelli Joanne & Bill Whitman Gloria Hagopian Linda Parker Chris Wood & Family

Sandra Johnson **Iovce Peters**

Ralph Jones Laura Piipponen



Happy Birthday!

Ailie Donlon 6/26 **Hayley Lowe** 6/27 Emmy Vayda 6/28 6/29 Alyce Demma



*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!

Bill & Joyce Dersch 6/24 Dick & Maureen Clark 6/24 Peter & Dale Tremblay 6/25 Steven & Jackie Woodring 6/26 Babs & Jim Brock 6/26 Bill & Sue Van Fossen 6/28

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