

# 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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## June 30, 2024

### 10:00 am

## The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored by Ron & Linda Addaman.

### 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*  
**Ellen Tanner**, *Liturgist*  
**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*

**Virginia Garner Cullison**, *Violinist*  
**The Chancel Choir**  
**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** Joan Butler & Beth Lee  
**Ushers:** Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Sonja Cookson, Henry Gaylord, Nancy Guthy, Carline Lobban

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup> so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

**Prelude:** Two Hymns: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

### Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship:

*I wait for the Lord,*

**My soul waits, and in God's word I hope.**

*My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,*

**More than those who watch for the morning.**

*In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure. Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #561: "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

AMERICA

1. My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside, Let freedom ring!
2. My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills,  
Like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees, Sweet freedom's  
song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.
4. Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing; Long may our land be  
bright With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus, 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

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

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 8:7-15

*<sup>7</sup> Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. <sup>8</sup> I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. <sup>9</sup> For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup> And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. <sup>11</sup> Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup> For if the*

*eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup> For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between <sup>14</sup> your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. <sup>15</sup> As it is written "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

Mark 5:21-43

*<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." <sup>24</sup> So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup> Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." <sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: "A Little Faith Can Go a Long Way"**

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**\* The Affirmation of Faith**

from Book of Common Worship

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory: "God Bless America"**

The Chancel Choir

Irving Berlin (1888-1989)  
arr. Roy Ringwald (1910-1995)

**\* 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 #564: "O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies"**

MATERNA

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| <p><b>1. My country, 'tis of thee,<br/>Sweet land of liberty,<br/>Of thee I sing;<br/>Land where my fathers died,<br/>Land of the pilgrims' pride,<br/>From every mountainside,<br/>Let freedom ring!</b></p> <p><b>2. My native country, thee,<br/>Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;<br/>I love thy rocks and rills,<br/>Thy woods and templed hills;<br/>My heart with rapture thrills,<br/>Like that above.</b></p> | <p><b>3. Let music swell the breeze,<br/>And ring from all the trees,<br/>Sweet freedom's song;<br/>Let mortal tongues awake;<br/>Let all that breathe partake;<br/>Let rocks their silence break,<br/>The sound prolong.</b></p> <p><b>4. Our fathers' God, to Thee,<br/>Author of liberty, To Thee we sing;<br/>Long may our land be bright<br/>With freedom's holy light;<br/>Protect us by Thy might,<br/>Great God, our King.</b></p> |
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**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*May God our Guardian protect you, Christ the Healer restore you, and the Holy Spirit sustain you*  
**This day and forevermore.**

*Go in peace,*

**Trusting even where we have not seen.**

*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:** Early American Organ Music: "Voluntary in D Major"

William Selby (1783-1798)  
arr. Barbara Owen (b. 1933)

*Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.*

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**July 7, 2024 10:00 am**

**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon:** "Appreciated, Yet Not Always Welcome"

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 2:1-5

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 6:1-13



**In observance of Independence Day, the office at VPC will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 to allow the staff to enjoy the holiday.**

Having someone with you in mind and spirit-understanding and empathizing with your pain, is the job of a **Stephen Minister**.

Psalm 23:4  
*"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me..."*

*Thank you for going above & beyond.*

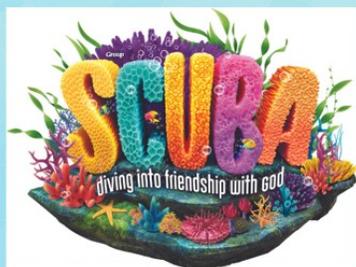


The Personnel Oversight Team would like to thank **Michele Byrd** for her 20 years of dedicated work to Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.

She serves as Jim Cochran's Executive Assistant and also works in the front office as the Administrative Assistant.

Michele is married to Brice Gerlach and they are the parents of Colin Gerlach (Jim's Godson). She worked at the Naples Philharmonic for 25 years and has been in the choir at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church for 30 years. She has also enjoyed singing as a soprano soloist all over the United States and Europe.

She is grateful for this acknowledgement and looks forward to many more years at VPC.



## 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!**



**JOIN US FOR  
VBS VOLUNTEER  
TRAINING**

**ON JULY 10 AT 5:30PM  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

**CAN'T MAKE IT?**

**EMAIL HEATHER:**

**[HMIKES@VPCNAPLES.ORG](mailto:HMIKES@VPCNAPLES.ORG)**



### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

The Session, at its June 24, 2024 meeting, approved a request of the Personnel Oversight Team to hold a Congregational meeting on Sunday, July 7, 2024 immediately following the 10am worship service for the purpose of approving a new Terms of Call, due to a salary increase, for Rev. Robert J. Marrow.

Richard A. Hilton  
Clerk of Session

## 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	Asia Elsbree	Mark Miller	Bruce & Heidi Stryker
Peg Black	Joe & Ruth Felipe	Matt Miller	Bob Townsend
Carmen Campbell	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Nancy Miller	Rosemary Ufheil
Adriana Caruso	Kate Hafner	Gordon Mitchell	Yvonne & Tony
Bill Chandley	Gloria Hagopian	Ron Moore	Van Rooyen
Bob & Jan Conrad	Sandra Johnson	Ivana Novelli	Bill Waskey
Austin Cornell	Ralph Jones	Linda Parker	Marion Wayenberg
Dick Creviston	Chester & Janet Kauffman	Joyce Peters	Dan Westerlund
Bill & Joyce Dersch	Bill Koppelkam	Laura Piipponen	Joanne & Bill Whitman
	The Lucarelli Family	Joni Poposki	Chris Wood & Family
	Liz Lynn	Harriet Shouldice	
	Doris Martin	Ron Shaffer	
	Rick Miles	Mary Lou Strabel	

**PRAY MORE**  
*worry less*

### Happy Birthday!

Brenda Karnes	6/30	*Greg Borden	7/4
Katherine Skrabonja	7/1	John Braun	7/4
*Paul McGuigan	7/1	Liberty Franklin	7/4
Peggy Free	7/1	*Jason Mikes	7/4
*Heidi Stryker	7/2	Tom Hallin	7/5
Margaret Waters	7/2	James Hofert	7/5
*Barbara Faude	7/2	*Charles Thompson	7/6
Barbara Minter	7/2		
Henry Gaylord	7/3		

### Happy Anniversary!

Kyle & Brooke Vayda	6/30
Harley & Nancy Ruppert	7/1
Pete & Karen Rodino	7/4

**\*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.

<p><b>ENSIGN Francis Alvares</b> US Navy, Pensacola, FL (Friend of Jay &amp; Mary Chesslo)</p> <p><b>MSgt Kristopher Chesslo</b> USAF (Jay &amp; Mary Chesslo's nephew)</p> <p><b>LT Wyatt R. Dawley</b> US Navy Intel/SEAL Team (Debbie Dawley's grandson)</p>	<p><b>MAJ Allen Fujinaka</b> US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)</p> <p><b>COL Jessica D. Grassetti</b> (Claudia Polzin's niece)</p> <p><b>E4 Brian Guzman</b> USAF - Colorado (Cesar Guzman's son)</p> <p><b>SGT Jacob Guzman</b> US Army-Tennessee (Cesar Guzman's son)</p>	<p><b>CPTN Devon Hennessey</b> Korea (Toni Hubbard)</p> <p><b>SGT Wesley Kennedy</b> USMC - Okinawa, Japan</p> <p><b>MAJ Rex Rafferty</b> USAF—Alabama (Norm &amp; Linda Parker's granddaughter's husband)</p> <p><b>LCPL Michael Russell</b> USMC - Cape Lejeune, NC (Heather Anderson's son)</p>
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Please let the office know if you are in the hospital. **239-597-5410**