



# 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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## January 5, 2025 — 10:00 am — The Second Sunday of Christmas

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of my husband, Ronald S. Guthy, by Nancy & family. The flowers on the chancel are sponsored by the Grider Family to celebrate being back in school for the second semester.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in honor of Mike and Reggie Smith by Lois Ann and Jim Folliard.

### 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*  
**Pat Rose**, *Liturgist*  
**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*  
**Virginia Garner Cullison**, *Violinist*  
**The Chancel Choir**

**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** Dick Clark & Barbara Hebert  
**Ushers:** Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers),  
 Karen Chappler, Doug Dunn, Henry Gaylord,  
 George Morton  
**Communion Servers:** Michael Bevilacqua, Joe &  
 Sharon Doggett, Jan Fern, Max Gould, Jerry  
 Grandey, Tom Hauschild, Price & Carol Lindsay,  
 Tim Riggers, Becky Wheat

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 147:12-20

- <sup>12</sup> Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
- <sup>13</sup> For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.
- <sup>14</sup> He grants peace<sup>[a]</sup> within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.
- <sup>15</sup> He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.
- <sup>16</sup> He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.
- <sup>17</sup> He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold?
- <sup>18</sup> He sends out his word and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
- <sup>19</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.
- <sup>20</sup> He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

Praise the LORD!

**Prelude:** Three Pieces: “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”  
“What Child is This?” and “Once in Royal David’s City”  
Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

Traditional

### Announcements

### Moment for Mission

*Café of Life* — Nancy Malecek

### The Call to Worship

*The Word became flesh and lived among us*

**And we have seen his glory.**

*The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.*

**Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.**

*Let us worship God.*

\* **Hymn #57:** “The Snow Lay on the Ground”

VENITE ADOREMUS

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| <p>1. The snow lay on the ground,<br/>the stars shone bright,<br/>When Christ our Lord<br/>was born on Christmas night.<br/>Venite adoremus Dominum.<br/>Venite adoremus Dominum.</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i><br/>Venite adoremus Dominum.<br/>Venite adoremus Dominum.</p> <p>2. 'Twas gentle Mary maid,<br/>so young and strong,<br/>Who welcomed here the</p> | <p>Christ Child with a song.<br/>She laid Him in a stall<br/>at Bethlehem;<br/>The ass and oxen shared<br/>the roof with them.<br/><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>3. Saint Joseph, too, was by<br/>to tend the Child,<br/>To guard him, and protect<br/>His mother mild.<br/>The angels hovered round<br/>and sang this song:</p> | <p>Venite adoremus Dominum.<br/><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4. And thus that manger poor<br/>became a throne;<br/>For He whom Mary bore<br/>was God the Son.<br/>O come, then, let us join<br/>the heavenly host;<br/>To praise the Father, Son,<br/>and Holy Ghost. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. *(silence)* Amen.**

### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news.*

**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

Ephesians 1:3-14

*<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ*

*we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

John 1:1-18

*<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "The Light"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

### **\* The Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory: "Worship Christ, the Newborn King"**

Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

The Chancel Choir

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight over all the earth. You who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth. Shepherds in the field abiding, watching over their flocks by night, God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. Come and worship Christ the newborn King! O come, little children, O come, one and all, To Bethlehem's cradle, in Bethlehem's stall. And see with rejoicing this glorious sight. Our Father in heaven has sent us this night. Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar. Seek the great Desire of nations, you have seen the Infant's star. Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear.

Suddenly the Lord descending, in His temple shall appear.

**\* 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**

**Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us one to another. Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ comes again. Amen.**

**\* Hymn #47: "Still, Still, Still"**

STILL, STILL, STILL

- 1. Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill!  
The Virgin's tender arms enfolding,  
Warm and safe the Child are holding.  
Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill!**
- 2. Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep  
While angel hosts from heaven come  
winging, Sweetest songs of joy are singing.  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep.**

**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*Go forth in the grace of Christ.*

**We rejoice in his grace.**

*Go forth in the light of Christ.*

**We walk in the light of Christ.**

*Go forth in the love of Christ.*

**We serve in his love.**

*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:** "A Minuit fut fait un Reveil"

Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)

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

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**January 12, 2025 — 10:00 am — Epiphany—Baptism of the Lord — Family Led Worship**

**Sermon:** "Taking the Other Road"

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6 — **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12

*All Church  
Potluck Dinner*

Friday, January 17, 2025  
at 6pm

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the office at 597-5410.

Join us for fun, food and fellowship!

**THE ALLELUIA  
CHOIR NEEDS YOU!**

**Wednesday,  
January 8**  
in the  
Sanctuary  
from 5-5:30pm.

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT LIGHTS**

Burgers & Boards  
January 8, 2025  
5:30p – 7:00p

**HAPPY  
New  
Year**



**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

**January 5 – 11:15am**

## Adult Education Opportunities Mark your calendars!

Tom Grundstrom,  
Facilitator

**Opportunity 1:** A ten week Study of the Book of James.  
**Sunday mornings from 11:30am-12:15pm** in Harp Hall  
Starts January 12, 2025

OR

**Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm** in the Library  
Starts January 13, 2025



**Opportunity 2:** A seven week Study on Chapters 2 & 3 of Revelation.  
**Tuesdays mid day 11:30am-12:30pm** in Harp Hall  
Starts January 14, 2025

**Opportunity 3:** An eight week Topic Study on "It's All About Me."  
**Monday mornings 11:00am-12:00pm** in Harp Hall  
Starts January 13, 2025

## PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Will resume  
on  
**January 8**  
at **6pm** in  
the Library.  
Join Pastor  
Rob to  
discuss the  
upcoming  
readings for  
our worship  
service.

Take  
advantage  
of any or all  
options for  
adult  
education!  
Join us!  
Everyone is  
welcome!



The 2024-2025 Concert Series  
at Vanderbilt

**January 19, 2025 — 4 p.m.**

**Duo Arpeggione**

Catherine Lan, Pianist & Claudio Jaffe, cellist



You will hear Chopin's and Saint-Saëns' gorgeous sonatas as well as a lovely musical depiction of a butterfly. Join us for this incredible concert!

**Pick up a brochure for a full list of concerts.**  
Copies are available in the Office or the Narthex.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are trained to bring healing and light to their care receivers.

*"Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."*

Proverbs 12:18



## Join the VPC Book Club!

Our next meeting is  
Monday, January 20, 2025  
at 1:30pm at the church.  
We will be discussing

***The Frozen River***  
by Ariel Lawhon.

For more information,  
email Peggy Landon  
[mldon711@gmail.com](mailto:mldon711@gmail.com)



## 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.

John Baird	Joe Felipe	John Paalman	Bruce & Heidi Stryker
Alexis Bevan	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Stacey & Jared Perone	Jodi Reckmeyer
Hudson Boyd	Kate Hafner	Laura Piipponen	Yana and family in
Joan Butler	Elaine Hinkle	Mary Ann Portman	Ukraine
Steve Carsten	Tom Hurley	Father Monty Sayers	Russell Vance
Adriana Caruso	Sandra Johnson	Marilyn & Sam Schellar	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Tom Clark	Doris Martin	Ron Shaffer	Jay Wilson
Pat Colby	Joan Mountford	Sue Shields & Family	Chris Wood & Family
Bob & Jan Conrad	Donna Mullin	Vaughn Siegenthaler	Rita Yeager
Dick Creviston	Don Neer	Ron Sieling	
Sigrid "Siggi" Deneke & Family	Ivana Novelli Ada Nuhn	Jocelyn Stein Erik Strandwitz	



<b>Happy Birthday!</b>			<b>Happy Anniversary!</b>
Peter DeBaun	1/5	Dee Gregg	1/8
Diana Woodward	1/6	Cole Borden	1/9
Heather Monda	1/6	*Steve Kutler	1/11
Phyllis Macbeth	1/6	Mary Chesslo	1/11
Kay Beernink	1/7		
*Priscilla Kutler	1/7		
Huguette Castaneda	1/7		
*Bob Bush	1/8		
			Joe & Sharon Doggett 1/5
			Terry & Joan Mountford 1/9
			Michael & Debra Bevilacqua 1/10

\* **Birthday Club Members** give one dollar for each year of their life and \*\* **Anniversary Club Members** give two dollars for each year of their marriage to celebrate or commemorate these special events. 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>PVT E2 Joshua Fowler,</b> US Army, Columbus, GA (Joe &amp; Sharon Doggett's grandson)</p>	<p><b>MAJ Allen Fujinaka</b> US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)</p> <p><b>COL Jessica D. Grasseti</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 - Ft. Myers, FL</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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