

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.



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January 19, 2025 — 10:00 am The Second Sunday After Epiphany

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of Richard Grunert by his loving family and by Asia Elsbree "in deep and wide gratitude."

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Grider Family. "Remembering, celebrating and honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on this special day."

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

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Jan Fern & Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head

Ushers), Price & Carol Lindsay, Gisela Yingst &

Mike Swain

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5-10

⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD,
extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Prelude: Piano Improvisation Julie Carver

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Mision Peniel - Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken

The Call to Worship

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

Let us worship God.

* **Hymn** #264: "When in our Music God is Glorified"

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- When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!
- 2. How oft, in making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!
- 3. So has the Church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue, Alleluia!

- 4. And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light?
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!
- 5. Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise, let all rejoice who have a voice to raise, and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. (silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Hear the good news:

Christ unmasks the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

* 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

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. ² You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁵ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁶ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the

utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ¬ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁶ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁶ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹o and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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Thanks be to God.

Message: "Should We Be Concerned?"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*Affirmation of Faith:

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Piano Dedication

Offering

Offertory: "Amazing Grace"

arr. Jack Schrader (b. 1942)

The Chancel Choir

The text for this anthem is found in the hymnal at #280.

* 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 #464: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love;
 Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
 Opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 Drive the gloom of doubt away;
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 Fill us with the light of day.
- 2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

- Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.
- 3. Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began; Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

* Commission and Blessing:

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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: "Toccata in E Minor"

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

THANK YOU!

Our new Steinway piano was generously underwritten by the following donors:



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As well as a grant from the **Endowment Fund** of Vanderbilt Presbyterian and **Children's Music** and **Restricted Music Funds** of Vanderbilt Presbyterian

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn — shout for joy before the LORD, the King." — Psalm 98:4-6

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

January 26, 2025 — 10:00 am — The Third Sunday after Epiphany Sermon: "A Good Custom"

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a—Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-21

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.

January 26, 2025 — 4 p.m.

Voices of Naples

Brice Gerlach, Director Kelly Utterback, Accompanist Michele Byrd, Soprano



The 65-member ensemble will be presenting a concert including the Haydn *Little Organ Mass* featuring soprano, Michele Byrd. The concert will be full of variety, featuring music of Beethoven and Mozart as well as hits by the Beatles and John Denver!

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **VPC BOOK CLUB: Monday, January 20 at 1:30pm** at the church. Discussing *The Frozen River*.
- FRIENDS IN FAITH: Wednesday, January 29 at 10am in Harp Hall. Sacred Encounters Ch. 3-4
- BOOK OF JAMES: Sundays at 11:30am (Harp Hall) or Mondays at 6:30pm (Library)
- CHAPTERS 2 & 3 OF REVELATION: Tuesdays 11:30am (Harp Hall)
- "IT'S ALL ABOUT ME": Mondays 11am (Harp Hall) facilitated by Tom Grundstrom
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: Wednesday, January 22** Alleluia Choir **5pm** in the sanctuary, dinner **5:30pm**, Children & Youth Groups at **6pm** meet in Fellowship Hall
- PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6pm (Library) with Pastor Rob
- **DINE WITH NINE** groups are being formed. They will meet once a month starting in February, at a time and location of their choosing. Signup sheets are in Fellowship Hall or email Tom Grundstrom tgrundstrom@vpcnaples.org. Specify day (breakfast/lunch) or evening (dinner).

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- MISION PENIEL: Sunday, January 19 at 10am, Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken will offer a special Moment for Mission during the worship service to highlight their experiences with Mision Peniel.
- **COLLIER HARVEST:** Our next packing event is **Monday, January 27 at 4:15pm.** Join us at 4451 Mercantile Ave. to help. Email Pete Rodino to volunteer! pvrodino@aol.com
- CAFÉ OF LIFE: Join us as we donate food and serve a meal on Friday, January 31 at 9am at Leitner Park, 26724 Nomad Dr., Bonita Springs 34135. Email Eliza Nevin. <u>elizanevin@comcast.net</u>
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Join us as we dedicate a home on Saturday, February 8 from 10-11am at 1454 Songbird Drive, Naples 34105. Funds raised at Vanderbilt were used to help this deserving family purchase their forever home. Be there when we dedicate it with them!
- WEEKEND POWER PACK: Join us for our next packing party on Sunday, February 16 following
 the 10am worship service in Harp Hall. We need financial donations in advance to purchase food.
 Questions? Email Becky Wheat. sportbroad@comcast.net



CAN YOU HELP SERVE?

Every week, we have ushers that welcome people to church, answer questions, hand out bulletins and collect the offering. This important ministry is in need of more volunteers. Call the office to volunteer! 597-5410

We need YOU!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The steadfastness, care and encouragement of a Stephen care giver can bring a sense of calm in the midst of chaos.

Stephen Ministers offer peace in the storm.

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 which a new prayer request card should be submitted.

Vaughn Siegenthaler Betty Angulo & Aguilar Family Elaine Hinkle Susan Aufderhaar Tom Hurley Ron Sieling Alexis Bevan Sandra Johnson Matthew Skrip Adriana Caruso **Doris Martin** Jocelyn Stein Pat Colby **Joan Mountford** Erik Strandwitz Bob & Jan Conrad Don Neer Bruce & Heidi Stryker

Dick Creviston Ivana Novelli Yana and family in Ukraine Sigrid "Siggi" Deneke & Family Stacey & Jared Perone Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen

Marilyn & Sam Schellar

Langdon Elsbree Laura Piipponen Jay Wilson

Francisco Gomez & Family Father Monty Sayers Chris Wood & Family

Kate Hafner Ron Shaffer



Happy Birthday!

Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt

ENSIGN Francis Alvaros

Annette Dietrich	1/19	*Larissa Gibson	1/22
*Carolyn Magarro	1/20	Drake DeBaun	1/23
Sarah Smith	1/20	William Swenfurth	1/23
*Jerry Warnken	1/21	Roman Monda	1/23
Connie Weiss	1/21	*Price Lindsay	1/24
Melodie Esposito	1/21	Janet Mungo	1/25
*Jim Muir	1/22	Pocket Patterson	1/25
Elaine Nale	1/22	Laura Reardon	1/25

Happy Anniversary!

Steve & Priscilla Kutler 1/19

* 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!

CPTN Devon Hennessey

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 Aivares	MAJ AHEH FUJIHAKA	Cr in Devon Hennessey
US Navy, Pensacola, FL	US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's	Korea (Toni Hubbard)
(Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)	granddaughter's husband)	SGT Wesley Kennedy
MSgt Kristopher Chesslo	COL Jessica D. Grassetti	USMC - Ft. Myers, FL
USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)	(Claudia Polzin's niece)	MAJ Rex Rafferty
LT Wyatt R. Dawley	E4 Brian Guzman	USAF—Alabama
US Navy Intel/SEAL Team	USAF - Colorado	(Norm & Linda Parker's
(Debbie Dawley's grandson)	(Cesar Guzman's son)	granddaughter's husband)
PVT E2 Joshua Fowler,	SGT Jacob Guzman	LCPL Michael Russell
US Army, Columbus, GA	US Army-Tennessee	USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC
(Joe & Sharon Doggett's grandson)	(Cesar Guzman's son)	(Heather Anderson's son)

MAI Allen Fujinaka

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

Please let the office know if you are in the hospital. 239-597-5410