

# 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 26, 2025 — 10:00 am

### The Third Sunday After Epiphany

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in celebration of Jim Muir's birthday from his loving wife, Sally.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in appreciation of the VPC Staff from Carol & Price Lindsay.

### 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**  
**The Campanile Ringers**, Gordon Black, *Director*  
**Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician**  
**Greeters:** Barbara Hebert & Bob Miller  
**Ushers:** Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Ron & Linda Addaman, Doug Dunn, Pat Rose

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 19: 1-10

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

**Prelude:** "Rondeau"

Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738) arr. Thompson

Campanile Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

### Announcements

**Moment for Mission**

*Collier Harvest* - Jack & Ellen Tanner

### The Call to Worship

*God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.*

**God calls us to be builders as well.**

*God calls us to build our lives:*

**To restore broken places and continue to grow.**

*God calls us to build our faith:*

**To preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

*Let us worship God.*

\* **Hymn #281:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

**1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;**

**Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

*Continued*

2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. *(silence)* Amen.

#### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*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 12:12-31a

*<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** “Just as I Am”

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896) arr. Leonard

Campanile Ringers

## The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

*<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: "A Good Custom"**

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**\*Affirmation of Faith:**

1 Timothy 3:16

**Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: Jesus was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. This is the story of our faith, and it fills us with hope. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory: "Sing to the Lord a New Song"**

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

The Chancel Choir

People and tongues of every nation sing to the Lord a new song. Bring him a song of jubilation, sing to the Lord a new song. All God's creatures, old men and children, Voices raised in hymns of love. He crowns the humble with salvation. Sing to the Lord a new song. Mountains and hills and all creation sing to the Lord a new song. Join in a hymn of adoration. Sing to the Lord a new song! Praise His name, sing Alleluia! Praise Him for His mighty deeds. This is our song, our supplication: "Sing to the Lord a new song!" Praise Him, shining stars, and praise Him highest heavens. Oh, all kings and princes praise His holy name. Angels above make melody to him. Now lift your voice, lift up your heart, and sing, and sing! Come, Christians all, now raise your voices, sing to the Lord a new song. Praise and thanksgiving be your choices, sing to the Lord a new song. Sound the trumpet! Play on the lute and harp; Dance your dance, and shout for joy! Make music now as heaven rejoices, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing! Sing! Sing a new song!

**\* 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 #332: "Live into Hope"**

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| <b>1. Live into hope of captives freed.<br/>Of sight regained, the end of greed.<br/>The oppressed shall be the first to see<br/>The year of God's own jubilee!</b> | <b>2. Live into hope the blind shall see<br/>With insight and with clarity.<br/>Removing shades of pride and fear —<br/>A vision of our God brought near.</b> |
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*Continued*

3. **Live into hope of liberty,**  
The right to speak, the right to be,  
The right to have one's daily bread,  
To hear God's word and thus be fed.

4. **Live into hope of captives freed**  
From chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
To faith and hope and joy and peace.

**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*Go into the world and proclaim the good news.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*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: "The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God"**

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**February 2, 2025 — 10:00 am — The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Sermon: "Hometown Advantage"**

**First Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13— Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30**

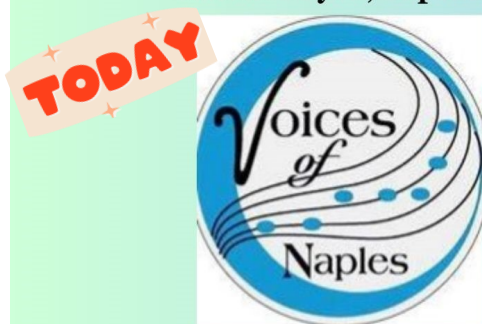
**January 26, 2025 — 4 p.m.**

**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!

**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

**February 2 - 11:15am**

**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.

**WAYS TO SERVE**

**CAN YOU USHER?**

We are in need of more Ushers for special events like Sunday afternoon concerts, memorial services and other events.

Can you help?  
Call the office to volunteer!

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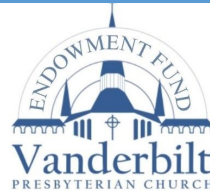
## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **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, February 5**, 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** (Harp Hall) 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](mailto:tgrundstrom@vpcnaples.org). Specify day (breakfast/lunch) or evening (dinner).

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **COLLIER HARVEST: Sunday, January 26 at 10am**, Jack & Ellen Tanner will offer a special Moment for Mission during the worship service to highlight their experiences with 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](mailto: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. [elizanevin@comcast.net](mailto:elizanevin@comcast.net)
- **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](mailto:sportbroad@comcast.net)

**RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE.  
ENSURE THE FUTURE OF VPC.  
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**Welcome to our new  
Anniversary Club  
Members!**

**\*\* Michael & Debra  
Bevilacqua  
1/10/1976**

**\*\* Steve & Priscilla  
Kutler  
1/19/1963**

**\*\* Stephen & Mary Lynn  
Myers  
1/27/1967**

**THANK YOU!**

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

*"Instead, speaking the truth in love, you will in all things grow up into him, who is the Head, that is, Christ." — Ephesians 4:15*

Stephen Ministers are trained to relate in a clear and direct way, while respecting the needs, wants and feelings and opinions of others.



## 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.

Betty Angulo & Aguilar Family	Jordan Dieken Langdon Elsbree	Ivana Novelli Stacey & Jared Perone	Bruce & Heidi Stryker Yana and family in Ukraine
Susan Aufderhaar	Francisco Gomez & Family	Laura Piipponen Jackie Procyk	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Alexis Bevan	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Father Monty Sayers	Jay Wilson
Alexia Brown	Kate Hafner	Marilyn & Sam Schellar	Chris Wood & Family
Adriana Caruso	Elaine Hinkle	Ron Shaffer	
Pat Colby	Tom Hurley	Vaughn Siegenthaler	
Bob & Jan Conrad	Sandra Johnson	Ron Sieling	
Sonja Cookson	Doris Martin	Matthew Skrip	
Dick Creviston	Joan Mountford	Jocelyn Stein	
Sigrid "Saggi" Deneke & Family	Don Neer	Erik Strandwitz	



### Happy Birthday!

*Jane Borden	1/26	*Sally Muir	1/31
Thomas Hauschild	1/27	Sheetal Yousaf	1/31
*Bob Martin	1/29	*Cindi Schock	1/31
Don Schulte	1/29	Callahan Davies	1/31
Lizzie Piipponen	1/30	Pat Counts	2/01

### Happy Anniversary!

**Stephen & Mary Lynn Myers	1/27
Dick & Sally Watts	1/28



\* **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.

**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  
(Debbie Dawley's grandson)  
**PVT E2 Joshua Fowler,**  
US Army, Columbus, GA  
(Joe & Sharon Doggett'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 - Ft. Myers, FL

**1st LT Tyler Olbrich**  
US Army - Iraq  
(friend of Karen Hiller)  
**MAJ Rex Rafferty**  
USAF—Alabama  
(Norm & Linda Parker's  
granddaughter's husband)  
**LCPL Michael Russell**  
USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC  
(Heather Anderson's son)



#### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

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