



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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February 2, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in celebration of Sally Muir's birthday by her loving husband, Jim.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in celebration of Sally Muir's birthday by the Muir family.

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*
Jim Muir, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Dick Clark & Pat Gagliano
Ushers: Joe Trees (Head Usher), Henry Gaylord, Nancy Guthy, Barbara Hebert, George Morton, Gwen Salyer
Communion Servers: Janie Ballurio, Karen Chappler, Joe & Sharon Doggett, Jill Dunn, Max Gould, Jerry Grandey, Eliza Nevin, Jane Repp, Ellen Tanner, Becky Wheat

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 71:1-6

¹ In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

³ Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

⁶ From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

Prelude: Variations on "Adoro te devote"

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Collier Harvest - Jack & Ellen Tanner and *Grace Place* - Karen Rodino

The Call to Worship

Our hope is in God all of our lives.

God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.

God has held us since our birth.

So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.

In love, God saves and supports us.

Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

Let us worship God.

* **Hymn #276:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

1. **Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they
fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.**

Refrain:

**Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

2. **Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**
Refrain

3. **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside!**
Refrain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. (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 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come

to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:21-30

²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Hometown Advantage"

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: "The Gift of Love"

American Folk Tune, arr. 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. Amen.

*** 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 #513: "Let us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.

* Commission and Blessing:

*Empowered by God's love for you, go out and love your neighbors,
the ones just like you and those different from you.*

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: "Chaconne"

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 9, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Guest Preacher: Rev. Su Kim **Sermon:** "(Un)Worthy"

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

A.I.M.

Adventures In Membership
Are you interested in joining
our church family?

February 2 - 11:15am

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministers are trained to be careful listeners. To hear feelings as well as words. "And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it." - Proverbs 8:32-34



Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a mission-minded congregation with opportunities for everyone to participate.

On Sunday, February 2, 2025, we will have a Moment for Mission to highlight Grace Place. Karen Rodino will share her insight regarding this worthy organization. Join us!

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **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. Specify day (breakfast/lunch) or evening (dinner).



We're having breakfast for dinner on Wednesday, February 5, at 5:30 p.m.!

Join us for Pancakes and Pajamas!

Wear your favorite pajamas and bring a non-perishable food item for Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit the Grace Place Food Pantry.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **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.**



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support in response to the devastating fires in California. PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the

communities and to provide immediate care. Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ.

**To Donate: via the website:
vpcnaples.org/worship/give/
or by check to Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church
note: California Fires**

DON'T PASS YOUR CHANCE TO TACKLE HUNGER WITH US!

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 9, 2025, our children and youth will be collecting donations of food and money, under the porte-cochere before and after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



TACKLE



HUNGER



Please support our children & youth in this worthy event!

Benefitting Grace Place Food Pantry



IN SYMPATHY

We are saddened to announce the death of VPC member, **Harold "Hal" Wendler**, on January 25, 2025 at the age of 98. Hal and his late wife, Rose, were affiliate members of Vanderbilt for over 27 years. Please keep his family in your prayers during this tender time.

Cards can be sent to: Sheri Miller
17281 13th Ave NW
Shoreline, WA 98177

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	Dick Creviston Jordan Dieken	Elaine Hinkle Tom Hurley	Ron Shaffer Ron Sieling
Susan Aufderhaar	The Elsbree Family	Sandra Johnson	Matthew Skrip
John Baird	Alice Fasbender	Doris Martin	Jocelyn Stein
Alexis Bevan	Francisco Gomez	Joan Mountford	Bruce & Heidi Stryker
Alexia Brown	& Family	Ivana Novelli	Yana and family in Ukraine
Adriana Caruso	Pat Gould	Vito Petruzzella	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Pat Colby	Fran Gray	Laura Piipponen	The Wendler Family
Bob & Jan Conrad	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Jackie Procyk	Jay Wilson
Sonja Cookson	Kate Hafner	Father Monty Sayers	Chris Wood & Family

Happy Birthday!

Roberta McMaster	2/2	David Lawrence	2/5
*Karen Rodino	2/2	Andrew Loughran	2/6
Dennis Lebo	2/2	Nancy Ozard	2/6
Meryl Berger	2/2	*Molly Cochran	2/6
Don Neer	2/3	*Ronald Addaman	2/6
*Ellen Crown	2/3	*P.J. Mahoney	2/7
*Arnold Alexander	2/4	Julie Bearden Carver	2/7



Happy Anniversary!

Jack & Janie Ballurio 2/7



* **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). 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**