



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 16, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in honor of the Bevilacqua and Sciascia Families.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Grider Family. Happy Valentine's 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*
Greg Borden, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir

The Carillon Ringers, **Gordon Black**, *Director*
Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*
John Weiss, *Cello*
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Joan Butler & CC Waskey
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Ron & Linda Addaman, Steve Blad, Dick Clark, Anne Smith

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

² but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Prelude: "Bell Peal" on *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

arr. Linda Lamb

The Carillon Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

"Hornpipe" from Water Music Suite

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin* & John Weiss, *Cello*

Announcements

The Call to Worship

*When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves,
putting trust in our own strength,*

We become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.

When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted by water.

Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious,

But bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.

Let us worship God.

* **Hymn #469:** "Morning Has Broken"

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| 1. Morning has broken | 2. Sweet the rain's new fall | 3. Mine is the sunlight! |
| Like the first morning, | Sunlit from heaven, | Mine is the morning |
| Blackbird has spoken | Like the first dewfall | Born of the one light |
| Like the first bird. | On the first grass. | Eden saw play! |
| Praise for the singing! | Praise for the sweetness | Praise with elation, |
| Praise for the morning! | Of the wet garden, | Praise every morning, |
| Praise for them, springing | Sprung in completeness | God's recreation |
| Fresh from the Word! | Where God's feet pass. | Of the new day! |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of judgment and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!

Our faith is not in vain!

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,

we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.

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

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: “Stately Procession”

Stanley Leonard (b. 1931)

The Carillon Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

The Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: “Rejoice and Leap for Joy”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

***Affirmation of Faith:**

Psalm 1:1-3

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Blest are They"

David Haas (b. 1957)

The Chancel Choir

Blest are they, the poor in spirit. Theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow. They shall be consoled. Rejoice, and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God! Blest are they, the lowly ones. They shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst. They shall have their fill. Blest are they, who show mercy. Mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart. They shall see God! Blest are they, who seek peace. They are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith. The glory of God is theirs Blest are you, who suffer hate. All because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God. Shine for all to see.

*** 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 #415: "Come, Labor On"**

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| <p>1. Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle, on the harvest plain
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."</p> | <p>3. Come, labor on.
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here;
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill
God's righteous will.</p> |
| <p>2. Come, labor on.
Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
To young and old the Gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.</p> | <p>4. Come, labor on.
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Well done, well done!"</p> |

*** Commission and Blessing:**

*May you be like trees planted by water who yield your fruit in its season,
watched over and protected by 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: "Toccata in F Major"

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

February 16, 2025 — 4 p.m.

The 239 Collective

featuring Lexi DeLaRosa, vocalist
Christian Snedeker, Music Director & Drums,
Fortunato Occhino, Tenor Sax,
Andrew Tannus, Bass, Daniel Tenbusch, Piano



The group features a mixed roster of musicians with a wide array of experiences playing music of all styles, including swing, bop, Latin, and R&B. Highlights of the concert include: *Afro Blue* by Santamaria, *Yes and No* by Wayne Shorter, and *Bolivia* by Cedar Walton.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 23, 2025 — 10:00 am
The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Family Led Worship
The Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, *Guest Preacher*
Sermon: "The Difficult Equation..."
First Reading: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous donations to the **Souper Bowl of Caring!** We collected \$1,580 and countless bags of food items for the **Grace Place Food Pantry.** Donations accepted through February 23.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is collecting for victims of the California fires. vpcnaples.org
Click **GIVE**. Note: California Fires.



Weekend Power Pack!

Join us at our packing party!

Sunday, February 16 following the 10am worship service in Harp Hall.

We need financial donations in advance to purchase food!

Please send any amount put WPP in the memo www.vpcnaples.org.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Jesus wept" — John 11:35

The realization that Jesus could cry with grief, helps us to realize it is certainly all right for us to do the same. Stephen Ministers are trained to help those who are grieving.



Mark your calendar!

THE REV. DR. ASA J. LEE, GUEST PREACHER

Join us for worship on
Sunday, February 23, 2025
at **10:00 am**

as we welcome guest preacher,
The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee,
President and Professor of
Theological Formation for
Ministry at Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary



FIND YOUR PLACE

"UNDER THE SPIRE!"



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **VPC BOOK CLUB: Monday, February 17 at 1:30pm** at VPC.
- **ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS:** The three adult education offerings led by Tom Grundstrom are canceled for February 16-18. They resume the week of February 23-25.
- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6pm** (Harp Hall) with Pastor Rob.
- **WNL: February 19 at 5:30pm.**



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **COLLIER HARVEST: Monday, February 24 at 4pm.** Email Pete Rodino pvrodino@aol.com for information.
- **CAFÉ OF LIFE: Friday, February 29 at 9am.** Email Eliza Nevin elizanevin@comcast.net for information.

The James and Cindy Craig Education Series presents

"Family Ties and the Amazing Race: An Alternative Model of Belonging"

Presented by: Dr. Rafael Rodriguez

Saturday, February 22, 2025
from 9:30am-12pm

Call 597-5410
to register

Harp Hall at Vanderbilt Presbyterian

Dr. Rodriguez is Professor of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. This two-part presentation examines Paul's interethnic relationship with the Thessalonians. We will examine the challenges and opportunities of finding commonality across racial and ethnic difference as well as respecting difference even as we seek the unity of the Body of Christ.



The event is free and
open to the public!

IN SYMPATHY

*We are saddened to announce the death of VPC member, **Karen Schulz**, on February 6, 2025 at the age of 89. Karen is the wife of Rev. Fred Schulz and has been a member of VPC for more than 31 years having served on countless teams and groups during her long association with our church. The family will have a private memorial service. Please keep Fred's family in your prayers.*

Cards can be sent to:

Fred Schulz. 365 Hillbilly Hollow, Blue Ridge, GA 30513

NEED A WASH?

The Aubrey Rogers High School Competitive Dance Team will hold a Car Wash Fundraiser on **Saturday, February 22, 10am-1pm** in the West Parking Lot.

CAR WASH
\$10 per car



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.

PRAYER list

Betty Angulo & Aguilar Family	Sonja Cookson	Sandra Johnson	Ron Shaffer
Susan Aufderhaar	Dick Creviston	Ed Kirby	Ron Sieling
John Baird	Teresa DeBaun	Doris Martin	Matthew Skrip
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Jordan Dieken	Joan Mountford	Jocelyn Stein
Johnny Beckman	Alice Fasbender	Donna Mullin	Erik Strandwitz
Alexis Bevan	Francisco Gomez & Family	Ivana Novelli	Bruce & Heidi Stryker
Alexia Brown	Max & Pat Gould	Vito Petruzzella	Bob Townsend
Adriana Caruso	Fran Gray	Laura Piipponen	Yana and family in Ukraine
Pat Colby	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Jackie Procyk	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Bob & Jan Conrad	Kate Hafner	Gwen Salyer	The Wendler Family
	Elaine Hinkle	Father Monty Sayers	Jay Wilson
	Tom Hurley	Sam & Marilyn Schellar	Chris Wood & Family
		The Schulz Family	

Happy Birthday!

*Jim Everson	2/16	Dick Creviston	2/19
Pat Peters	2/16	Chuck Lewis	2/19
Janie Ballurio	2/16	Noel Davies	2/19
Ronald Nowry	2/17	Jan Conrad	2/20
Patty Shields	2/18	Margaret Leonard	2/20
*Heather Mikes	2/18	Clive Ozard	2/21
Heidi Holley	2/18	John Miles	2/22

Happy Anniversary!

Joseph & Dana Riashi 2/16

* **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**

