

# 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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## March 23, 2025 — 10:00 am

### The Third Sunday in Lent — Family Led Worship

The flowers on the Chancel are donated in loving memory of my dad, Frederick Osmond, on his birthday from Barbara Osmond Hebert.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Grider Family in celebration of the coming of Spring.

### 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**  
**Olivia Carver, Youth Liturgist**  
**Bill Payne, Liturgist**  
**Julie Carver, Pianist**  
**The Chancel Choir**

**Chris Wood, Tenor**  
**The Campanile Ringers, Gordon Black, Director**  
**Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician**  
**Sebastian Aguilar, Youth Acolyte**  
**Greeters:** Geri Payne & Becky Wheat  
**Ushers:** Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Barbara Hebert, Lynn Thomas, Mike Swain, Gisela Yingst  
**Youth Ushers:** Sydney & Ayden Carver

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 63:1-8

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

<sup>5</sup> My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

<sup>6</sup> when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night,

<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

**Prelude:** "A Festive Intrada"

Cynthia Dobrinski (1950-2021)

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

arr. Bill Ingram (b. 1940)

Campanile Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

### Announcements

### A Moment for Deacons

*Thomas Hauschild, Deacons*

### The Call to Worship

*O God, you are our God; our souls thirst for you,*

***as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.***

*We have looked upon you in the sanctuary; we have seen your power and glory.*

***Our lips will praise you as long as we live; we lift up our hearts and call on your name.***

*Let us worship God!*

\* **Hymn #261:** "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

O QUANTA QUALIA

**1. God of compassion,  
in mercy befriend us;  
Giver of grace  
for our needs all availing,  
Wisdom and strength  
for each day do Thou send us,  
Patience untiring  
and courage unailing.**

**2. Wandering and lost,  
Thou hast sought us and found us,  
Stilled our rude hearts  
with Thy Word of consoling;**

**Wrap now Thy peace,  
like a mantle, around us,  
Guarding our thoughts  
and our passions controlling.**

**3. How shall we stray,  
with Thy hand to direct us,  
Thou who the stars  
in their courses art guiding?  
What shall we fear,  
with Thy power to protect us,  
We who walk forth  
in Thy greatness confiding?**

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. *(silence)* Amen.**

### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out,  
a way through, a way back to God.*

**Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him.  
With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ.  
Amen.**

### \* 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

Isaiah 55:1-9

*<sup>1</sup> Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the*

*Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*  
*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** “Ave Verum Corpus”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Chris Wood, *Tenor*

**The Gospel Reading**

Luke 13:1-9

*<sup>1</sup> At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.” <sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup> He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’”*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** “Bearing Fruit”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*from the Confession of 1967*

**God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love. God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God’s dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory: "And No Bird Sang"**

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

The Chancel Choir

Calm was the wind and dark was the sky, when our Lord came to die; Lone, on the cross for our sins  
He did hang, and no bird sang. Women and men with anguish and fear, then to His cross drew near;  
Hushed then to feel the bitter pang, and no bird sang. Kyrie eleison! Lord have mercy,  
God's will be done! No bird sang in the sky, when Christ did come to die.

**\* 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 #78: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"**

MARTYRDOM

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| <b>1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed,<br/>And did my Sovereign die!<br/>Would He devote that sacred head<br/>For sinners such as I!</b> | <b>3. Well might the sun in darkness hide,<br/>And shut its glories in,<br/>When Christ, the great Redeemer, died<br/>For human creatures' sin.</b> |
| <b>2. Was it for sins that I had done<br/>He suffered on the tree?<br/>Amazing pity! Grace unknown!<br/>And love beyond degree!</b>    | <b>4. But drops of grief can ne'er repay<br/>The debt of love I owe;<br/>Here, Lord, I give my self away;<br/>'Tis all that I can do.</b>           |

**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*On this third Sunday of Lent, we are urged to shake off the complacency that can overtake us;  
To seek God as people in a dry and weary land seek water;  
And to bear fruit in our daily lives.  
That contributes to God's kingdom of justice and love.  
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: "Voluntary in C"

Richard Peek (1927-2005)

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

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES  
FOR NEXT WEEK**

March 30, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Guest Preacher: Rev. Su Kim

Sermon: "Come to Our Senses"

First Reading: Psalm 32

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



March is Habitat for Humanity

Month at VPC!

Our goal is to raise \$250,000!



For more information about volunteering on-site,  
email Karen Chappler - [kchappler@aol.com](mailto:kchappler@aol.com).

*Pastor's Bible Study*

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE  
UPCOMING READINGS FOR WORSHIP.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
TO REFLECT ON THE WORD OF GOD!



WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS AT 6PM  
IN THE LIBRARY



**WNL - Penny Voting!**

**Habitat Build Challenge**

March 23 - Congregational Penny

Voting in Fellowship Hall

following worship.

Bring your spare change to vote

for your favorite creation!

All proceeds for Habitat for

Humanity.



Community  
BloodCenter  
Affiliate of NCH

**BE A GOOD EGG  
GIVE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES**



Sign-up by calling:

239.594.5410

**Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday April 6**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

- Cholesterol & mini health screenings
- Photo ID is required
- Eat a meal before giving blood
- Be well hydrated on donation day
- Minimum weight: 110 pounds
- Minimum age: 16 with parent consent
- You are never too old to donate

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:**

Stephen Ministers, at all times, recognize that Jesus is with both them and their care receivers. They help others recognize His presence, which provides true, lasting hope for both the care giver and the care receiver.



# Collier Harvest

Join us to pack bags of healthy and nutritious food for our hungry neighbors across Collier County.

Email Pete Rodino  
pvrodino@aol.com  
to volunteer!

**Monday, March 24, 2025**

4:15pm - unloading van  
(heavy lifting)

4:45-6pm - bagging food  
at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



## FRIENDS IN FAITH

Wednesday,  
March 26, 2025  
at 10am  
in Harp Hall  
Study of  
**Sacred Encounters**

Questions?  
Lois Ann Folliard  
lafolliard@gmail.com

**Friday,  
March 28, 2025  
9:00 am  
Leitner Park  
26724 Nomad Dr.  
Bonita Springs 34135**

**Join Us**

Email Eliza Nevin  
elizanevin@comcast.net

Donations of food and  
volunteers to serve are  
needed.

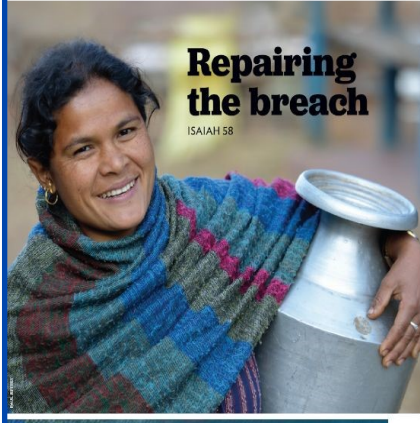
MEALS OF HOPE PRESENTS  
**FOOD BOWL  
COMPETITION  
2025**

arrive at  
8:15 AM

**29TH MARCH 2025  
GULF COAST HIGH SCHOOL  
1878 SHARK WAY,  
NAPLES, FL 34119**

We're bringing a team of 10 middle school and high school students to the 2025 Food Bowl Games!  
Email Heather [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org) if you'd like to serve Meals of Hope and join us for lunch afterwards.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT  
MARCH 5 - APRIL 20, 2025



**Repairing  
the breach**  
ISAIAH 58

Please give generously—  
for when we all do a little,  
it adds up to a lot.

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Envelopes are in the Narthex. Checks payable to Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church memo OGHs through April 20.

JOIN OUR TEAM OR DONATE AT THE RELAY FOR LIFE WEBSITE:  
VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TEAM

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 - 6:00 - 8:00PM**  
**AUBREY ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL - 15100 PATRIOT PLACE, NAPLES, FL 34110**

## 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.



Susan Aufderhaar	Dick Creviston	Doris Martin	Matthew Skrip
John Baird	Andrea Daggett	The McDonald Family	Erik Strandwitz
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Teresa DeBaun	The Miller Family	Bruce & Heidi Stryker
Johnny Beckman	Annette Dietrich	Ellen Morton	Linda Surawiak
Alexis Bevan	Louise Eliot	Joan Mountford	Bob Townsend
Adriana Caruso	Jackie Elmer	Donna Mullin	Yana and family in Ukraine
Dick Clark	Max & Pat Gould	Ivana Novelli	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Pat Colby	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Pocket Patterson	Jay Wilson
Bob & Jan Conrad	Kate Hafner	Laura Piipponen	Chris Wood & Family
Sonja Cookson	Elaine Hinkle	Jodi Reckmeyer	
	Tom Hurley	Father Monty Sayers	
	Sandra Johnson	Sam & Marilyn Schellar	
	Ed Kirby	Ron Sieling	



### Happy Birthday!

*Carmen Campbell	3/23
*Judith Jacobs	3/24
Alex Shreve	3/25
Linda Parker	3/26
Bruce Hobbs	3/27
Ruth Schulte	3/27
Brendan Barber	3/27
Pamela Barber	3/27
David Curtiss	3/29



### Happy Anniversary!

Bill & Ann Hoffman	3/23
Karen & Richard Talford	3/25
Russell & Kathleen Vance	3/27
Ann & Kevin Foote	3/28

**RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE.  
ENSURE THE FUTURE OF VPC.  
MAKE A PLANNED GIFT.**



*Celebrate your milestones  
with your church family!*

**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.

<b>LT Wyatt R. Dawley</b> US Navy Intel (Debbie Dawley's grandson)	<b>E4 Brian Guzman</b> USAF - Colorado (Cesar Guzman's son)	<b>1st LT Tyler Olbrich</b> US Army - Iraq (friend of Karen Hiller)
<b>PVT E2 Joshua Fowler,</b> US Army, Columbus, GA (Joe & Sharon Doggett's grandson)	<b>SGT Jacob Guzman</b> US Army-Tennessee (Cesar Guzman's son)	<b>MAJ Rex Rafferty</b> USAF—Alabama (Norm & Linda Parker's granddaughter's husband)
<b>MAJ Allen Fujinaka</b> US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)	<b>CPTN Devon Hennessey</b> Korea (Toni Hubbard)	<b>LCPL Michael Russell</b> USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC (Heather Anderson's son)
<b>COL Jessica D. Grassetti</b> (Claudia Polzin's niece)	<b>SGT Wesley Kennedy</b> USMC - Ft. Myers, FL	

#### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

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