



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 11, 2026 — 10:00 am—Family Led Worship Epiphany & Baptism of the Lord

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in honor of our parent's and grandparent's birthdays by The Kutler 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

Ellen Tanner, Liturgist

Lena Crown, Youth Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Callum McGuigan, Connor McGuigan,

Kyle Paciello, Wise Men

Youth Acolyte: Evva Crown

Greeters: Jan Fern & Ruth Wade

Youth Greeters: Addison Acx, Avery Acx, Olivia Carver

Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Doug Dunn, Carol Lindsay, George Morton, Pat Rose, Lynn Thomas

Youth Ushers: Ayden Carver & Sydney Carver

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 72:1-7

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
² May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.
³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
⁵ May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Prelude: "Noel Nouvelet"

Janis Wilson (b. 1958)

Partita on "Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming"

Anthony Giamanco (b. 1958)

Announcements

Moment for Adult Education

Tom Grundstrom

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.

All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

God gathers us from far away and carries us.

With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.

Let us worship God.

Procession of the Wise Men

* Hymn #66: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

1. **We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts, we traverse a far,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!*

2. **Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign. Refrain**

3. **Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, we are raising,
Worshipping God Most High. Refrain**

4. **Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. Refrain**

5. **Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia
Sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. (silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to live a new life in him.

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

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Taking the Other Road"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

* The Affirmation of Faith

From a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. Amen.

Offering



Let us with gladness present our gifts and offerings to the Lord.

Gifts may be placed in the offering plates, given online, or by scanning the QR code.

Offertory: "Look at the World"

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Chancel Choir

Look at the world, everything all around us. Look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world, so many joys and wonders. So many miracles along our way. Praise to thee O Lord for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see all the gifts we share and every blessing. All things come of thee. Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flowers. Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain. Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river,

field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer. Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season. 'Til it is gathered to the father's fold. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love. We are his hands. Stewards of all his bounty. His is the earth and his the heavens above.

* 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 #63: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

1. **As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.**
2. **As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.**
3. **As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.**
4. **Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

* Commission and Blessing:

Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Get up: shake off apathy, despair, and anything else that has brought you low.

Glow: reflect God's glory, the light of Christ, so that others may see in you the glory of 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 Arrival of the Magi – the Agincourt Hymn"

Daniel Barton (b. 1944)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

January 18, 2026 10:00 am

Sermon: "Come and See"

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42

REMINDERS FOR TODAY

Fellowship Hour will be held in the Student Center. Don't forget to sign the letters of joys and concerns which are found in the Narthex.

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

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Narrative

Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 4:00 pm

*Music Under
the Spire!*



Free will offering

Narrative is a jazz collective made up of musicians from Orlando and New York. Led by national award-winning drummer Christian Snedeker and vocalist Lexi DeLaRosa, this group features musicians with a wide array of experiences to come together and play originals and arrangements of all styles, including swing, hard bop, Latin, and R&B. Narrative musicians are active in many facets of the industry and have shared the stage with notable artists. They are currently writing their first full-length album and regularly perform concerts, clinics, and masterclasses across the Southeast United States



JUDAISM 101

**WHEN:**

Thursday, January 15th at 6:30pm

WHERE:

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church,
Harp Hall

WHO:

Rabbi Adam Miller, Temple Shalom

WHAT:

Presentation on the basics of the
Jewish faith with a Q&A session.

Please sign up in the Narthex



Rabbi Adam Miller



Pastor's Bible Study

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE UPCOMING
READINGS FOR WORSHIP.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO REFLECT ON
THE WORD OF GOD!

RESUMES ON
JANUARY 14, 2026
ALL ARE
WELCOME
TO ATTEND!
PSALM 119:105



WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS
AT 6PM
IN THE
LIBRARY

*Your word is a lamp to
my feet and a light to my path.*

Vanderbilt Presbyterian CHURCH ON A MISSION

Our Mission Team supports many worthy organizations locally and globally. If you would like to learn more, please attend the next Mission Team Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7pm. In Harp Hall or via Zoom.

We are sharing Christ's love through missions!

The February Weekend Power Pack event has been canceled. We will announce the next date in 2026.

A new ladies group
is being formed...

Femme Foodies



Ladies, if you would enjoy getting together with other married women from VPC for a casual lunch, this is the group for you! If there is enough interest, we will begin lunching together once a month beginning in January.

Contact Jane Higdon by January 10 via text 301-643-0570
or email higdonjh@msn.com.

Adult Education Opportunities

Tom Grundstrom, Facilitator

Beginning January 11 (11:30am) & 12 (6:30pm)

"The Upside Down Kingdom: The Sermon on the Mount."

This class will work our way through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), starting with the Beatitudes and then tackling the counter-culture topics through the rest of the sermon.

Beginning January 13 (11:00am)

"Confirmation Remix – Rewind, Replay, Renew."

It may have been a long time since you went through confirmation, and you'd love a refresher course. For others, you may not have had the opportunity in the first place, but you'd love to explore and understand the major topics of our faith. Either way, this is a great class to reaffirm your faith with maturity and clarity.

For both of these offerings, each lesson is self-contained.

Check your email for a complete schedule.

Zoom link for all classes:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5777628848?pwd=vtQbzSXglqqjZjTa3kZaYpKJ6PMWSW.1>

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN!

If you requested GIVING ENVELOPES pick them up in the NARTHEX or weekdays from 9am-4pm at the front office.

Family Led Bible Study

Who: Whether you're a new parent, navigating the teen years or experiencing sending kids to college, all are welcome.

When: Family Led Worship Sundays at 11:30am

Where: Library

Date: Sunday, January 11

Contact: Heather Mikes

hmikes@vpcnaples.org

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.

Ronan Bann	Andrea Daggett	Laura McLarty	Bill Shouldice
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Ron Davis	Manuela Mobley's family in Venezuela	Janet Simmons
Rick Betherem	Joyce Dersch	Sally Muir	Barbara Thomas
Kimberly Gould	John Dietrich	Donna Mullins	Yana and family in Ukraine
Blackwell	Jennee C. Garrett	Ivana Novelli	Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Russel Blad	Jim & Mary Hart	Audrey Olsen	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Trisha & Jessie	Susie Hilton	Pocket Patterson	Melissa Vollmer
Campion and baby	Sandra Johnson	Jodi Reckmeyer	Mariah Warnken
Greyson	Lys	Twila Rowe	Don Westall
Adriana Caruso	Carolyn Mackie	Sam & Marilyn Schellar	Barbara Whittington
Pat Colby	Sr. Markolette	Pete Schwiers	Morgan Winiecki
Bob & Jan Conrad	Madden	Walt Seible	
Sonja Cookson	Doris Martin		

Happy Birthday!

*Steve Kutler	1/11
*Clark Leaming	1/13
Sydney Carver	1/14
*Evva Crown	1/15
*Lena Crown	1/15
Shanna Davies	1/15
Kristin Day	1/15
Helen Bechthold	1/17
John Weiss	1/17
Joe Doggett	1/17

JANUARY

Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

* **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 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.

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)
Staff SGT Jacob Guzman
US Army-Ft. Campbell, KY
(Cesar Guzman's son)
SGT Wesley Kennedy
USMC - Ft. Myers, FL

1st LT Tyler Olbrich

US Army - South Carolina
(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)