



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.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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The church is a member of the Peace River Presbytery, the Synod of South Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) — OneLicense.net # A-719387



January 18, 2026 — 10:00 am The Second Sunday after Epiphany

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in celebration of Jim Muir's birthday by his loving wife, Sally.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day by the Grider 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*
Karen Chappler, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Joan Butler & Pat Gagliano
Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Sonja Cookson, Ben Hood, Mike Swain, Joe Trees, Gisela Yingst

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 40:1-5

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
² He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
 and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
 Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.
⁴ Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,
 who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.
⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
 none can compare with you.
 Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Prelude: "Shall We Gather at the River?"

arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

*Sing a new song,
A song of thanks and praise,
For God has done wondrous deeds,
And is great beyond compare!
Let us worship God.*

*** Hymn #370: "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"**

WOODWORTH

- 1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**
- 2. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**
- 3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**
- 4. Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Holy God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we pray. (silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

In 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

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God." ⁵ And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— ⁶ he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his

Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Come and See"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

From A Declaration of Faith

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

Reception of New Members

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: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

arr. Roy Ringwald

The Chancel Choir

Precious Lord, take my hand, Bring me home though the night. Through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land: Precious Lord, take my hand. Bring Thy child home at last, Where the strife and the pain All are past: I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, take my hand. Take Thy child unto Thee, With my dream of a world that is free. For that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned, Precious Lord, take my hand.

* **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 #525: "Here I Am, Lord"**

HERE I AM, LORD

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone.
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
*Refrain***

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?
*Refrain***

* Commission and Blessing:

*Go forth in peace, for God in Christ has enriched you
with speech and knowledge and every spiritual gift,
that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

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: "A Short Voluntary"

John Worgan (1724-1790)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

January 25, 2026 10:00 am

Sermon: "Follow Him"

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

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. Take a moment to welcome our new members!

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Nancy Christy joined as a full time member by letter of transfer from First Cumberland Presbyterian in Chattanooga. Nancy moved to Naples to be near her daughter and family after losing her husband of 60 years. She is a musician and teacher and enjoys gardening and reading.



Cliff Joyner joined as an affiliate member. He lives in Kilmarnock, VA and attends St. Andrews Presbyterian there. Cliff is a retired postmaster.



Emily Sumpmann joined as a full time member by reaffirmation of faith. She hails from Minnesota but has lived in Naples since 2013. She is a fundraiser for the Guadalupe Center and enjoys spending time with her partner, Scott, and their dog and cat. She likes to go fishing, attend concerts and bake.



Howard "Cliff" Voss joined as an affiliate member. He lives in Kilmarnock, VA and attends St. Andrews Presbyterian there. He served on the Session of St. Andrew's and is a retired teacher.

Adult Education Opportunities

Tom Grundstrom, Facilitator

Adult Education



The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. - Proverbs 9:10

January 18 (11:30am) & 19 (6:30pm)

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

January 20 (11:00am)

"Confirmation Remix -
Rewind, Replay, Renew."

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

Zoom link for all classes:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5777628848?
pwd=vtQbzSXglqgjZjTa3kZaYpKJ6PMWSW.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5777628848?pwd=vtQbzSXglqgjZjTa3kZaYpKJ6PMWSW.1)

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

PSALM 119:105

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN!

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

Join the VPC Book Club!



For more information,
email Peggy Landon
mlandon711@gmail.com

Monday, January 19, 2026

at 1:30pm in Harp Hall.

We will be discussing

Theo of Golden
by Allen Levi.

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WHAT'S YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT?

JOIN US FOR
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
LIGHTS

5:30PM-
7:00PM
IN THE
STUDENT
CENTER



"Each of you should use
whatever gift you have
received to serve others, as faithful
stewards of God's grace in its various
forms."

1 Peter 4:10 NIV

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.*

Friday, January 30, 2026

9:00 am

Leitner Park
26724 Nomad Dr.
Bonita Springs 34135



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For information
or to volunteer -
email Eliza Nevin
elizanevin@comcast.net



Collier Harvest

Email Pete Rodino - pvronodino@aol.com
to volunteer!

Monday, January 26, 2026

4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered caregiving
relationship ministered by specially trained lay
members who are bound by confidentiality.
Please contact the office if you are in need.

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



JANUARY

Happy Birthday!

*Kay Hurley	1/18	*Jim Muir	1/22
Isabelle Rockhold	1/18	Elaine Nale	1/22
Annette Dietrich	1/19	*Larissa Gibson	1/22
*Carolyn Magarro	1/20	Drake DeBaun	1/23
Sarah Smith	1/20	William Swenfurth	1/23
*Jerry Warnken	1/21	Roman Monda	1/23
Connie Weiss	1/21	*Price Lindsay	1/24
Melodie Esposito	1/21		

Happy Anniversary!

Priscilla & Steve Kutler	1/19
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* **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)