



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 25, 2026 — 10:00 am

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

Brooke Vayda, Children's Moment

Gwen Salyer, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

The Campanile Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Jane Higdon & Jan Fern

Ushers: Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Jane Repp, Jack & Ellen Tanner, Joe Trees

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 27:4-9

⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Prelude: “Prayer”

Englebert Humperdink (1854-1921), arr. Gordon Black
Campanile Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

Thanks be to God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #343: “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

1. Called as partners in Christ’s service,
Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God’s chosen end.
2. Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring,
Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.

- Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God’s people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission,
In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other’s burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action,
Make us colleagues, free and fair.

Continued

4. So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. *(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

Brooke Vayda

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 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I

belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Cesáreo Gabaráin (1936-1991)

The Chancel Choir

You have come up to the lakeshore, looking neither for wise nor for wealthy. You only wanted that I should follow. O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me, and, while smiling, have called out my name. Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me, now with You I will seek other seas. You know that I own so little, in my boat there's no money nor weapons, you'll only find there my nets and labor.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Follow Him"

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. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing and to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. 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: "You are the Light"

Tom Fettke (b. 1941)

The Chancel Choir

You are the light we see. You are the truth we know. You are the life we live. You are the hope, You are the joy. You are the song we sing. Living God, loving God, We glorify Your name. High and Holy One, come down. We lift our hearts in praise. Prince of Peace, Emmanuel. Jesus, Lord of love Within our hearts, Your light. Within our minds, Your truth. Within our lives, Your love. Living Your hope, spreading Your joy. Singing Your beautiful song.

* 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 #288: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

1. I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.

- Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!
3. There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Christ calls us to be fishers of women and men for the sake of his beloved kingdom.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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 E Minor"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 1, 2026 10:00 am

Sermon: "Be Blessed"

First Reading: Micah 6;1-8

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Rejoice in Hope, Be patient in Tribulation,

Be constant in Prayer.

-Romans 12:12

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN!

If you requested giving envelopes, pick them up in the Narthex or weekdays from 9am-4pm at the front office.

ANNIVERSARY CLUB MEMBERS

Our January Anniversary Club members get a special mention this week! Thank you for your generosity and Happy Anniversary!

**** Debra & Michael Bevilacqua—1/10**

**** Priscilla & Steve Kutler—1/19**

**** Mary Lynn & Stephen Myers—1/27**

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

We apologize that Cliff's photo was not printed last week!

It was in all the online versions of the bulletin, but for some reason it did not show up on the printed copies! Please welcome Cliff!

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.



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 or Pastor Rob if you are in need.

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 25 (11:30am) & 26 (6:30pm)

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

January 27 (11:00am)

"Confirmation Remix -
Rewind, Replay, Renew."

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

Pastor's Bible Study

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



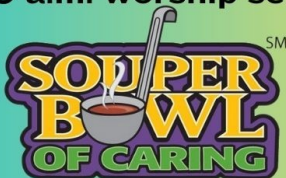
PSALM 119:105

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

WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS AT 6PM
IN THE LIBRARY

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

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, 2026,
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



Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

presents

Daniela Shtéreva & Milana Strezeva
in a special concert for violin and piano

"Franco-Spanish Valentine Affair"

Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Music
Under the
Spire!



Free
will
offering

CHURCH ON A
MISSION

Collier Harvest

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

Monday, January 26, 2026

4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)

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



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

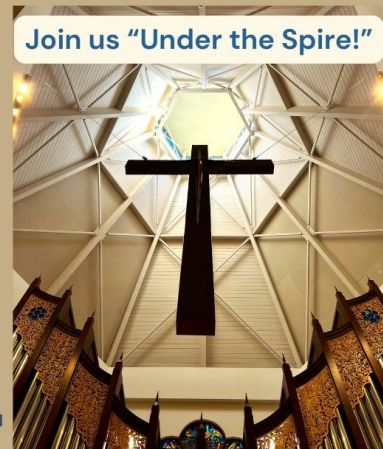
A.I.M. - Adventures In Membership

Are you interested in
joining our church
family?

Join us for worship
and stay for a brief
Q&A with Pastor Rob
as we chat about
Vanderbilt and what it
means to be involved
in the ministry of
Christ's church.

*childcare provided

Join us "Under the Spire!"



February 1, 2026 at 11:15am



VLC PET WEEK!

TAKING CARE OF PETS IN OUR COMMUNITY

DONATIONS ARE
REQUESTED FOR COLLIER
COUNTY DOMESTIC
ANIMAL SERVICES

DONATIONS OF PET
FOOD, TOYS,
TOWELS, ETC. CAN
BE DELIVERED TO
THE VLC, VPC
OFFICE OR NARTHEX
THRU THE END OF
JANUARY!

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MAX, THE CITY OF NAPLES
K9 SERVICE DOG WILL
VISIT OUR CLASSROOMS!

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



Happy Birthday!

Janet Mungo	1/25	Don Schulte	1/29
Pocket Patterson	1/25	Lizzie Piipponen	1/30
Laura Reardon	1/25	*Sally Muir	1/31
*Janey Speicher		Sheetal Yousaf	1/31
Borden	1/26	*Cindi Schock	1/31
Thomas Hauschild	1/27	Callahan Davies	1/31
*Bob Martin	1/29		

Happy Anniversary!

** Mary Lynn & Stephen Myers	1/27
Dick & Sally Watts	1/28

* **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)