



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 4, 2026 — 10:00 am

The Second Sunday of Christmas

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in memory of
Ronald S. Guthy by his loving wife, Nancy.

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*
Janie Ballurio, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
Gordon Black, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken
(Head Ushers) Ron & Linda Addaman,
Steve Blad, Anne Smith
Communion Servers: Janie Ballurio,
Joan Butler, Jan Fern, Peggy Free,
Tom Hauschild, Barbara Hebert, Joe Hodgson,
Ben Hood, Jane Repp, Tim Riggers,
Pete Schwiers, Jack & Ellen Tanner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 147:12-20

- ¹² Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
¹³ For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.
¹⁴ He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.
¹⁵ He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.
¹⁶ He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.
¹⁷ He hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand before his cold?
¹⁸ He sends out his word and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.
²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.
Praise the LORD!

Prelude: “Siciliano”

J. S. Bach/arr. Robert Colvin

Gordon Black, *Piano*

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Grace to you and peace in this new year.

We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

In Christ we have obtained an inheritance.

We have been redeemed as God’s own people. Praise be to God!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #28: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

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|---|---|
| 1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today! | He hath opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this! |
| 2. Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart, and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this! | 3. Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save! |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of love and compassion, you have come into the world and yet we have not recognized you. Forgive our lack of insight and open our eyes to see you here and now, that we may receive your grace through Jesus our Christ. *(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 5th grade 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

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ

we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 1: (1-9) 10-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "The Light"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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: “Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

Traditional

The Chancel Choir

The text to this carol can be found on page 29 of The Hymnal.

*** 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**

Pastoral Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion: Improvisation

Julie Carver

Prayer after Communion

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*** Hymn #22: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

REGENT SQUARE

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

**Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light: *Refrain*

3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain*

*** Commission and Blessing:**

God gathers all exiles

That we might live as a community of praise.

Go in peace and live lives of love before God and all people.

Alleluia!

Amen!

*** The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

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.

Postlude: "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

Traditional/arr. John Robert Poe

Gordon Black, *Piano*

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

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 on the long table in the Narthex.

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK
FAMILY LED WORSHIP**

January 11, 2026 10:00 am

Sermon: "Taking the Other Road"

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

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

January 4, 2026- 11:15am

Join us "Under the Spire!"



God of new beginnings, we give you thanks that you make all things new. We thank for your grace and mercy which embrace us anew each day. As we embrace a new year, lift us above calendar-time into your time. Expand our vision so that our intentions and hopes might align with your will. Make us grateful for the newness we have in Christ, and make us faithful in pursuing the newness that Christ continually offers. Amen.

Vanderbilt Presbyterian CHURCH ON A MISSION

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

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

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Narrative

Free will offering

Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 4:00 pm



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

Childcare will be provided.

Sowing Seeds of Faith

EMBRACE THE NEW YEAR
AS WE GATHER TO
CELEBRATE GOD'S
GENEROSITY AND SOW
SEEDS OF FAITH
TOGETHER.

Family Led Worship
Sunday, January 11, 2026
10:00 am

THANK YOU FOR DONATING!

There's life in every drop

**Vanderbilt
Presbyterian Church
December 7, 2025**

13 Blood Donors

11 Pints of blood collected

33 Lives saved

- **Adult Education Opportunities** Beginning January 11 & 12 on the Sermon on the Mount and January 13 on Confirmation Remix. Email tgrundstrom@vpcnaples.org
- **Pastor's Bible Study** held on Wednesday evenings at 6pm is on hiatus until mid-January.
- Sign up in the Narthex for **Dine with Nine**.
- **Femme Foodies** are looking for married women that would like to meet for a casual lunch. Email Jane Higdon at higdonjb@msn.com
- **Judaism 101** Thursday, January 15 at 6:30pm led by Rabbi Adam Miller of Temple Shalom. Sign up in the Narthex.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Burgers & Boards

January 7, 2026

5:30p – 7:00p



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

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

Happy Birthday!

Russell Vance	1/4
Peter DeBaun	1/5
Sue Brown	1/5
Diana Woodward	1/6
Heather Monda	1/6
Kay Beernink	1/7
*Priscilla Kutler	1/7



Happy Anniversary!

Huguette Castaneda	1/7	Joe & Sharon Doggett	1/5
*Bob Bush	1/8	Sagar & Jennifer Bankar	1/8
Dee Gregg	1/8	Debra & Michael Bevilacqua	1/10
Cole Borden	1/9		

* **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)