



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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October 12, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in loving memory of my Dad, Domenico.

You'll be forever in our hearts! Barbara Bonavita and Family.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by an anonymous donor.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Tom Grundstrom, Guest Preacher

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

Julie Borden, Children's Moment

Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Pat Gagliano & Carol Lindsay

Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher),

Ron & Linda Addaman, Greg & Julie Borden,

Karen Chappler

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 111

¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Prelude: "Fantasia in D Minor"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Come and see what God has done.

God is awesome in God's deeds.

God turned the sea into dry land.

God's people passed through the river on foot.

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth.

Sing the glory of God's name.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #417: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

REGENT SQUARE

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And our confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted loving-kindness

Hear Your people as they pray.
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.

3. Here bestow to all Your servants
What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.

Continued

**4. Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,**

**Ever Three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you — have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: your call has been answered. Christ has healed you, and forgives your sin. With glad hearts return praise to God.

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

Julie Borden

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

Psalm 66:1-12

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; ² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.” ⁵ Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. ⁶ He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, ⁷ who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves. ⁸ Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, ⁹ who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip. ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. ¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; ¹² you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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Thanks be to God.

Message: “Life in the Top 10%”

Tom Grundstrom

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” 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: "Creation Will be at Peace"

Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

The Chancel Choir

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace. The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their young will play together; a little child will lead. The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw. They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

*** 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 #554: "Let All Things Now Living"**

ASH GROVE

**1. Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished,
All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.**

**2. By law God enforces
The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest hosanna and praise.**

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Step forth in joy.

We walk out in song.

All the earth, praise God,

For our God is an awesome 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: "Let All Things Now Living"

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

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

October 19, 2025 10:00 am — Family Led Worship

Sermon: "Justice from God"

First Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

ADULTS

Pastor's Bible Study

6pm - Meet Pastor Rob - Library

Chancel Choir

7pm - Cochran Hall

SHINE

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders

**2025 Medicare
Open Enrollment Event**

Medicare's Open Enrollment is October 15-December 7. For help comparing plans, meet with a SHINE counselor in-person. Walk-in only (no appointments). Mark your calendars!

Friday, October 24—9:30am-2:30pm at Vanderbilt in Harp Hall.

**COME
FOR
DINNER**



SIGN UP!

for



THE CHILI COOK-OFF

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Student Center

Bring your favorite batch of homemade chili and stay for....

TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 from
6:15-7:00pm in the West Parking Lot

**FALL
FAMILY
FUN!**



Sign up here:



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**UPC MAH
JONGG CLUB**

**Join us for
an afternoon of fun!
Every Thursday
1:00 - 3:00 pm
For intermediate players.**

**For more information,
contact Geri Payne at
paynegnb@comcast.net**

"Give and it will be given to you." - Luke 6:38

The Mission Team is excited to announce a matching grant fundraiser. The Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance is seeking monetary donations to purchase furnishings for apartments and the Weekend Power Pack needs donations to purchase food for children at Sabal Palm Elementary. Every dollar raised will be matched - up to \$4,000 for each partner. If we reach our goal, this would provide \$16,000 total.



Donate today!

CHURCH ON A
MISSION



Did you know

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church
has a new website?

CHECK IT OUT

www.vpcnaples.org

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

Childcare will be provided.

Date: Sunday, October 19

Contact: Heather Mikes

hmikes@vpcnaples.org

The Harvest of Abundance in Our Lives

God's generosity **blesses us richly** each day.

Together, we can create **lasting community impact**.

Sowing spiritual seeds leads to **transformational growth**.



Family Led Worship
Sunday, October 19, 2025
10:00 am

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10
We are charged to lean on God in tough times.



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Presbyterian Church

9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday, October 12



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

"Echoes of Wisdom:

Ancient Truths for Modern Souls"

Tom Grundstrom, Facilitator

Sunday, October 12 at 11:30am or

Monday, October 13 at 6:30pm

Both days in Harp Hall

Overview and Themes of

Psalms (Part II)

Zoom link in the Week at a
Glance.

Adult Education



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.

Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Martha Gates	Eugene McGuigan	Twila Rowe
Joan Butler	Lorna Giblin	Sr. Markolette Madden	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
Carmen Campbell	Richard Grady	Doris Martin	Fred Schulz
Adriana Caruso	Jim & Mary Hart	Nancy Miller	Pete Schwiers
Molly Cochran	Connie Hawkins	Donna Mullins	Ginger Sheldon
Pat Colby	June Johnson	Nancy Myers	Dr. Lou Thompson
Bob & Jan Conrad	Sandra Johnson	Ivana Novelli	Yana and family in Ukraine
Sonja Cookson	Marie Laucella	Audrey Olsen	Susanne VanderStarre
Dick Creviston	Carolyn Mackie	Pocket Patterson	Bill Van Fossen
Debbie Dawley	Marta	Leslie Ramsey	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen

Happy Birthday!

Gary Karnes	10/12		
Don Corcoran	10/12	*Lynn Rosser	10/17
*Riley Mikes	10/12	*Craig Grider	10/17
*Chris Paciello	10/13	Ron Davis	10/18
Ann Windley	10/15	Judith Brown	10/18
*Karen Rohde	10/15	Marion Truax	10/18
*Tom Grundstrom	10/15	Rod MacLeod	10/18



Happy Anniversary!

Greg & Linda Minck	10/15
Paul & Kathryn Higbee	10/16
Yari & Abraham Figueroa	10/17

* **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-Kuwait
 (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)