



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 19, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost — Family Led Worship

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in loving memory of my husband, Lake Walton by his wife, Marie, and family.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Education Ministry Team in thanksgiving for our family participants in Family Led Worship.

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

Greg Borden, Liturgist

Lena Crown, Youth Liturgist

Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano

Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

Youth Acolyte: Wyatt Gersch

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Joan Butler & Priscilla Kutler

Youth Greeters: Avery Acx & Evangeline Mikes

Ushers: Joe Trees (Head Usher),

Henry Gaylord, Barbara Hebert, Ben Hood,

Anne Smith, Lynn Thomas

Youth Ushers: Sydney Carver & Devon Grider

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Prelude: “Awake, Awake to Love and Work”

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.
Sisters and brothers, let us worship God.*

* Hymn #332: “Live into Hope”

TRURO

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| 1. Live into hope of captives freed.
Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
The year of God’s own jubilee! | 3. Live into hope of liberty,
The right to speak, the right to be,
The right to have one’s daily bread,
To hear God’s word and thus be fed. |
| 2. Live into hope the blind shall see
With insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear
A vision of our God brought near. | 4. Live into hope of captives freed
From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
To faith and hope and joy and peace. |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of grace, for our failure to love others as you have loved us, forgive us. For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods, forgive us. For losing heart and abandoning hope, forgive us. For all the ways we turn from you, forgive us. (silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-ending stream.

Believe the good news: 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

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own

desires⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Precious Lord"

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano

The Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Justice from God"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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: "Tell the People to Sing"

Music: Lee Dengler

The Chancel Choir

Text: Susan Naus Dengler

Tell the people to sing a song to the Lord! Let the nations proclaim that God is adored! May the melodies soar; resound evermore, announcing that joy and hope are restored. Go tell the people to sing a song to the Lord! If we do not sing and worship all our days, the stones themselves will cry out loud to offer God their praise. The trees will clap their hands. The deserts bloom in happy songs. The mountains shout on high and praise God all day long! So lift your voices up to the sky in flowing, glad refrains. Come, magnify the Lord our God, And let us all exalt God's name.

*** 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 #341: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"**

ASSURANCE

**1. Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
(Refrain)**

*** Commission and Blessing:**

God's steadfast covenant writes it:

The law of love in our hearts.

Christ's concern for the least demands it:

The cry of justice on our lips.

The Spirit's encouragement breathes it:

The living word within us.

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: "Allegro in C Major"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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 26, 2025 10:00 am

Sermon: "Humble Faith"

First Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Joyce Hickmon moved to Naples to be near her family, son, Chris and his wife, Ashley and their four children. She is a retired special needs teacher who enjoys card making. Joyce was a member of Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Colorado where she served as a Deacon. She looks forward to getting involved with Bible studies, mission and fellowship groups at Vanderbilt. She joined as a fulltime member by letter of transfer.



Sarah Martyniak has worked as a physical therapist and likes to go boating, horseback riding and traveling. She has attended Episcopal and Presbyterian churches in the past and is excited to be a fulltime member of Vanderbilt. She joined by reaffirmation of faith.

Our next A.I.M. class is Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 11:15 am!

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Family Led Bible Study—Sunday, October 19 at 11:30am** in the Library. Childcare provided. Email Heather Mikes—hmikes@vpcnaples.org.
- **"Echoes of Wisdom: Ancient Truths for Modern Souls"** — Tom Grundstrom, Facilitator—**Sunday, October 19 at 11:30am** or **Monday, October 20 at 6:30pm** — Both days in Harp Hall—Overview and Themes of Psalms (Part III) — Zoom link in the Week at a Glance.
- **Pastor's Bible Study—No meeting on 10/22 due to Trunk or Treat.**
- **Handbell Choir—Wednesdays at 5pm** in Cochran Hall—email Gordon Black if you are interested—gbglassgarden@gmail.com.
- **Chancel Choir—Wednesdays at 7pm** in Cochran Hall—email Jim Cochran with questions—jcochran@vpcnaples.org.
- **SHINE 2025 Medicare Open Enrollment Event—Friday, October 24 from 9:30am—2:30pm** in Harp Hall. No appointment necessary.

FALL FAMILY FUN!

THE CHILI COOK-OFF and TRUNK OR TREAT

COME FOR DINNER

Wednesday, October 22, 2025
4:30-5:30pm
 Set up trunks - West Parking Lot
5:30-6:15pm
 Enjoy a chili dinner in the Student Center
6:15-7pm
 Trunk or Treat in the West Parking Lot

Sign up here: 

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DPC 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




Continuing our Story.... at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

"God Can Do It: We Can Help"



INVITATION - Join us for a conversation on how to be a blessing here.

We will discuss:

- How to discern your own legacy
- How to share that message with the church and those you love, and
- How to make a planned gift to continue your ministry here.

We look forward to exploring how you can continue to be Christ's hands in the world through
Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church- even after our lifetimes.

When: Sunday, November 2, 2025

11:30am following worship

Where: Harp Hall

Lunch provided

Sponsored by: The Endowment Team:

Julie Borden, Steve Blad, Debbie Dawley,
Doug Dunn, Don Fern, Pat Rose, Steve &
Jackie Woodring & Charles Whittington

Led by: Rev. Dana Waters

Ministry Relations Officer
Presbyterian Foundation



Register for the seminar by October 28, 2025

Equipping future generations will never happen if we don't plan it.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

CAFÉ OF LIFE: Friday, October 24 at 9am—

Leitner Park, 26724 Nomad Dr. Bonita Springs

COLLIER HARVEST: Monday, October 27 at

4pm—4451 Mercantile Ave. Naples

MISSION TEAM MATCHING FUNDRAISER:

Through the end of October every dollar raised will be matched (up to \$4000 for each partner) for the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance and the Weekend Power Pack.

Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 10:00am in Harp Hall

Tom Grundstrom is hosting a training session for VPC members to learn more about the Realm Mobile Smartphone App. Check your email for more information and the Zoom link.



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.



Dick Creviston	Eugene McGuigan	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
Debbie Dawley	Sr. Markolette Madden	Fred Schulz
Joyce Dersch	Doris Martin	Pete Schwiers
Martha Gates	Nancy Miller	Ginger Sheldon
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Donna Mullins	Dr. Lou Thompson
Joan Butler	Nancy Myers	Yana and family in Ukraine
Carmen Campbell	Ivana Novelli	Susanne VanderStarre
Adriana Caruso	Audrey Olsen	Bill Van Fossen
Molly Cochran	Pocket Patterson	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Pat Colby	Mary Ann Portman	
Bob & Jan Conrad	Leslie Ramsey	
Sonja Cookson	Twila Rowe	

Happy Birthday!

Sharon Doggett	10/19
John McMaster	10/23
Dale Dillingham	10/24
Leslie Loughran	10/25
Devon Grider	10/25
Chuck Henry	10/25

Happy Anniversary!

** Rob & Beth Marrow	10/21
Herb Nelson & Peggy Paulsen	10/23
Naseem & Farhat Naseem Yousaf	10/23
Peter DeBaun & Jill Peterson	10/24
Bill & Chloe Cornell	10/24
Chuck & Barbara Henry	10/24

OCTOBER



* **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)