



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 26, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost—Reformation Sunday

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in celebration of Craig and Devon's birthdays by the Grider Family — and to my parents, George & Margaret, and to the wonderful VPC Congregation for all the prayers, love and support — I felt the vibes all the way from Naples! Love, Carolyn Mackie.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Grider Family. Have a fabulous Fall and Halloween!

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

Jerry Grandey, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist

Matthew Sonneborn, Trumpeter

The Chancel Choir

The Carillon Ringers, Gordon Black, Director

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Ann Grundstrom & Carol Lindsay

Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Jack & Ellen Tanner, Lynn Thomas, Joe Trees

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 84:1-7

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
² My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
³ Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
⁴ Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.
⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
⁶ As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
⁷ They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Prelude: "The Rejoicing"

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.

My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,

In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #260: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

EIN FESTE BURG

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name,
from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

Continued

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. *(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

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "A Joyful Ring"

Barbara Kinyon (1929-2021)

Carillon Ringers

The Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Humble Faith"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

* The Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2: 6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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: "Holy, Holy, Holy, We Worship You"

Benjamin Harlan

The Chancel Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

We worship you, Almighty God. In You alone is our delight.

We worship you, O Holy God, and lift our voice to sing Your praise. Alleluia.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Our God is Holy! God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

*** 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 #361: "How Firm a Foundation"**

FOUNDATION

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| 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said
than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled? | 4. "When through fiery trials
thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine. |
| 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand. | 5. "The soul that on Jesus
hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake." |
| 3. "When through the deep waters
I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. | |

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Go in peace, walk with the humble.

We will pray for our enemies and live with thanksgiving.

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: "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

November 2, 2025 10:00 am

All-Saint's Sunday

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dana Waters
From the Presbyterian Foundation

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

**Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church
2026 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP**



"Freely you have received, freely give."

-Matthew 10:8

The 2026 Stewardship packets are available! They were mailed the second week of October. If you need one, extra copies are in the Narthex, Office or on the website under Stewardship. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

"God Can Do It: We Can Help!"

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.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

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.



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

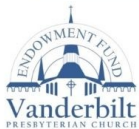
11:30am following worship

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.



WELCOME REV. DANA WATERS



Rev. Dana Waters is the Ministry Relations Officer of the Presbyterian Foundation for the Southeast region. He works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees.

Dana grew up at South Highland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL, where his grandfather was the head pastor. As a college student, Dana co-founded a student-run bookstore that operated as the official Presbyterian College Bookstore until he heard the call to ministry.

Prior to serving with the Foundation, Dana served as a pastor for eight years in congregations in Georgia and South Carolina. Dana holds a Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. He and his wife Kira live in Savannah, GA with their daughter Leona and three cats.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **"Echoes of Wisdom: Ancient Truths for Modern Souls"** — Tom Grundstrom, Facilitator—
Sunday, October 26 at 11:30am (Harp Hall) or **Monday, October 27 at 6:30pm** (Library)
Overview and Themes of Proverbs (Part I) — Zoom link in the Week at a Glance.
- **Pastor's Bible Study**—**No meeting on 10/29.**
- **Handbell Choir**—**Wednesdays at 5pm** in Cochran Hall—email Gordon Black if you are interested—gblacksgarden@gmail.com.
- **Chancel Choir**—**Wednesdays at 7pm** in Cochran Hall—email Jim Cochran with questions—jcochran@vpcnaples.org.

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.

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



Happy Birthday!

Ashley Lowe	10/26	Todd Truax	10/28
Merle James Wylie	10/26	Gregory Hudson	10/28
Jeremy Barber	10/26	*Evangeline Mikes	10/31
Jason Heimberger	10/26	Bill Shouldice	10/31
Shelby Gallo	10/27	*Doug Dunn	11/1
John Roth	10/27	Rob Kaderly	11/1

Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

* **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)