



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 4, 2026—10:00 am

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost—World Communion Sunday

The flowers on the Chancel are given in loving memory of my parents by Judy Peabody.

Join us at Fellowship Hour this morning as we welcome Dr. Augustine Sobeng, our new Director of Music. A light lunch is sponsored by the Worship, Music and Liturgical Arts Team.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Dr. Augustine Sobeng, *Director of Music & Organist* playing the **Richard & Patricia Fors Organ** given to the glory of God
Heather Mikes, *Director of Christian Education*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
James Cochran, *Director of Music Emeritus*
Jerry Grandey, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Dick Clark & Carol Lindsay
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head Ushers), Greg & Julie Borden, Henry Gaylord, Lynn Thomas
Communion Servers: Karen Chappler, Jan Fern, Peggy Free, Pat Gagliano, Henry Gaylord, Jerry Grandey, Barbara Hebert, Joyce Hickmon, Joe Hodgson, Ben Hood, Ellen Tanner, Linda Teti

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 80:7-15

- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.
¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;
¹¹ it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.
¹² Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.
¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine,
¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted.

Prelude: 'Rhosymedre'

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

Let us worship God!

* Hymn #461: "God is Here"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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| <p>1. God is here! As we Your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.</p> <p>2. Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.</p> | <p>3. Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.</p> <p>4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel,
Help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without You,
We adore You! We believe!</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

This is 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

Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? ⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "True Leadership"

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: "The Grace Divine"

arr. Roger Price

The Chancel Choir

Come let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord, in a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;
Give up ourselves through Jesus' power, his name to glorify; and promise in this sacred hour, for God to live and
die. The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind; we will no more our God forsake, or cast these
words behind. We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow; and if thou art well pleased to hear,
come down and meet us now. Thee, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive, present with thy
celestial host the peaceful answer give; to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away, and register
our names on high and keep us to that day!

*** 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

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our
souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory
comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*** Hymn #420: "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

CWM RHONDDA

**1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story,
Bring its bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

Continued

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3. Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not them nor Thee!

5. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.

*** Commission and Blessing**

Beloved, forget what lies behind;

We look for what lies ahead,

Press on toward the goal:

The heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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: Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

October 11, 2026—10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Plans Change"

First Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

REMINDERS

The Deacon's Sunday Letters are in the
Narthex for your participation.

VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - BLOOD DRIVE



Sunday, October 11th



9:00 AM - 12:00 PM • Appts. encourage - Walk-ins welcome



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Sign-up: Call 239.597.5410

Questions? Liz 239.734.0290 Call/Text



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CHURCH ON A MISSION

BE A PART OF OUR MATCHING MISSION CHALLENGE!

October 1 - November 15, 2026

We are requesting donations for 3 of our mission partners -
Cafe of Life, Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance and Mision Peniel.
Every dollar raised will be matched, up to \$4000 per mission partner.
Let's do our best to meet the challenge and help our neighbors!



To make a donation, go to www.vpcnaples.org and click GIVE.

Go to the Mission section and mark "Challenge" in the memo - or specify a mission.

**Donations for World Communion Offering
will be collected through October 4, 2026.**

**Envelopes are located in the Narthex.
Funds raised support racial justice, gender
justice, peacemaking, global witness,
ecumenical & interfaith relations.**

**Education
Seminar:**

Learning about Identity Theft



**Lt. Brian Sawyer,
Collier County Sheriff's Office**

Thursday, October 8 at 6pm in Harp Hall

Identity Theft can impact people of all ages, including children.
Join us to learn more about it.

- What you can do to minimize becoming a victim
- Recognize scams and secure personal data
- Free to Community
- Childcare Provided Upon Request



Sign up in the Narthex, call the office or click the QR code



2026 Medicare Open Enrollment Event

Friday, October 23

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church (Harp Hall)
1225 Piper Blvd.
Naples, FL 34110**

ROOTED AND READY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES!

Pastor's Bible Study:

Studying readings for each Sunday

Wednesdays at 6pm in the Library

Book Study:

Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible:

Sundays after worship in Harp Hall

11:30am—starting October 11

Jane Higdon-higdonj@msn.com

VPC Book Club:

Culpability by Bruce Holzinger

Monday, October 19

1:30pm in Harp Hall

Peggy Landon - Mlondon711@gmail.com

Friends in Faith:

United Through Christ,

Bound to Each Other

Wednesday, October 21

10am in Harp Hall

Lois Ann Folliard - lafolliard@gmail.com

CHILI COOK-OFF & TRUNK OR TREAT

WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 21, 2026 • 5:30p-7:30p



Italian Potluck

Sign up in the Narthex

Please hold the evening of Thursday, November 5 for a
fantastic time. A VPC Potluck Supper with an Italian Flavor!
A very special evening of delicious food, entertainment,
and socializing with some of your Vanderbilt
friends...present and future! Start now by collecting your
favorite Italian recipes to share with all!



"That's Amore!"

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. Prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for 30 days.

PRAYER list

Justin Aquino & Family	Liz Hart	Marsha Reed
Ridley Baird & Family	Charles Irbin	Pat Rogge
Janie Ballurio	Sandra Johnson	Twila Rowe
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Vanessa Lobban	Sam & Marilyn
Peg Black	Justin Loeffler	Schellar
Adriana Caruso	Kenneth Loeffler	Bill Shouldice
Ron Davis	Carolyn Mackie	Mary Jane Stoner
Joe & Mary Lou Eddy	Bob & Doris Martin	Linda Surowiak
Lori Godwin	Sarah Martyniak	Mike Swain
Pat Gould	Paul J. Moore	Larry Tatum
Jim & Mary Hart	Sally Muir	Barbara Thomas
	David Nale	Marianne Walsh
	Ivana Novelli	Yana & family
	Audrey Olsen	in Ukraine
	Peggy Paulsen	

**Welcome our
Director of Music & Organist,
Dr. Augustine Sobeng**

**Our new Director of Music and
Organist, Dr. Augustine
Sobeng, has begun leading
our music program.**

**The Worship, Music and
Liturgical Arts Team invites
you to a light luncheon in
Fellowship Hall following
worship. Come and get to
know Augustine!**

***Make a joyful noise
unto the Lord our God!***

Happy Birthday!

Joyce Dersch	10/4
Gregory Skrabonja	10/4
Chari Grove	10/5
Elizabeth Boutell	10/6
Bill Koppelkam	10/7
Rosemary Ufheil	10/7
Tom Teasdale	10/8
Kathleen Vance	10/9
Sherry Hardgrove	10/10

Happy Anniversary!

David & Vicki Walker	10/4
Gregory & Laurin Skrabonja	10/6
Barbara & Russell Thomas	10/7
Tom & Elaine Nale	10/7

*** 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% for Youth & 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)

E4 Brian Guzman
USAF - Colorado
(Cesar Guzman's son)
Staff SGT Jacob Guzman
US Army-Ft. Campbell, KY
(Cesar Guzman's son)
Staff SGT Wesley Kennedy
USMC - Ft. Myers, FL

CPT Tyler Olbrich
US Army - South Carolina
(friend of Karen Hiller)
LCPL Michael Russell
USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC
(Heather Anderson's son)