

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 5, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Fellowship Hour and the flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in thanksgiving for the Vanderbilt Church family in honor of seven years of ministry together by Pastor Rob and Beth Marrow.

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

Susie Hilton, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Bob & Dianne Townsend

Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken
(Head Ushers), Steve Blad, Ben Hood,
Carol Lindsay, Gwen Salyer

Communion Servers: Janie Ballurio, Jeff Berger,
Jan Fern, Peggy Free, Jerry Grandey,
Debbie Hamilton, Barbara Hebert, Joe Hodgson,
Ben Hood, Tim Riggers, Pete Schwiars,
Ellen & Jack Tanner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 37:1-9

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

² for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

³ Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

⁷ Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸ Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Prelude: Variations on “Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face”

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around.

The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

*The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still —
the One in whom all things are possible.*

O Lord, increase our faith in you!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #516: “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

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| <p>1. Lord, we have come at Your own invitation,
Chosen by You, to be counted Your friends;
Yours is the strength that sustains
dedication,
Ours a commitment we know never ends.</p> | <p>3. When, at Your table, each time of returning,
Vows are renewed and our courage
restored;
May we increasingly glory in learning
All that it means to accept You as Lord.</p> |
| <p>2. Here, at Your table, confirm our intention,
Give it Your seal of forgiveness and grace;
Teach us to serve without pride or
pretension,
Lord, in Your kingdom, whatever our place.</p> | |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience. Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty. We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others. Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first. We confess that in our own lives, and in the church, we rely on our power rather than yours. Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. Take away from us a spirit of cowardice, and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used, of love unconditionally offered, and of self-discipline gracefully lived. In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be faithful servants at your table. In Christ's name we pray. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

The power of God has saved us; grace is given to us in Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

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

Lamentations 3:19-26

¹⁹ *The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!* ²⁰ *My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.* ²¹ *But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:* ²² *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;* ²³ *they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.* ²⁴ *"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."* ²⁵ *The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.* ²⁶ *It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 17:5-10

⁵ *The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"* ⁶ *The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."* ⁷ *"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?"* ⁸ *Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?"* ⁹ *Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?"* ¹⁰ *So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Increase Our Faith"

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: "Guide My Feet"

African-American Spiritual
arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)

The Chancel Choir

Text can be found on page 354 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: Medley of Familiar Hymns

Julie Carver

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Hymn #439: "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

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| 1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth. | 3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me. |
| 2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind. | 4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth. |

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Live with hope in the steadfast love of God.

We will proclaim to all in despair that God's mercies never come to an end.

In every circumstance, wait on the Lord who brings salvation. 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: "Joyful Recessional"

Phil Lehenbauer (b. 1960)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

October 12, 2025 10:00 am

Guest Preacher: Tom Grundstrom

Sermon: "Where are the Nine"

First Reading: Psalm 66:1-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

REMINDERS FOR TODAY

Due to the closure of Fellowship Hall, we have moved our Fellowship Hour to the Student Center. Don't forget to sign the letters of joys and concerns which are found on the long table in the Narthex.

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*

October 5 – 11:15am



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

"Echoes of Wisdom: Ancient Truths for Modern Souls" — Tom Grundstrom, Facilitator

Sunday, October 5 at 11:30am — Harp Hall or **Monday, October 6 at 6:30pm** — Library

Overview and Themes of Psalms (Part I) — Check the Week at a Glance for the Zoom link.

Friends in Faith — Wednesday, October 8 at 10am — Harp Hall

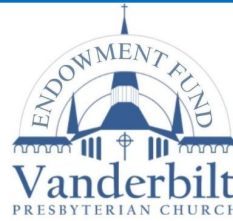
This season we are studying *"Fruit of the Spirit"* by Hazel Offner. Pick up your copy at the office for \$10.

Questions? lafolliard@gmail.com

**RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE.
ENSURE THE FUTURE OF VPC.
MAKE A PLANNED GIFT.**

Questions? Talk to the Endowment Team:

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



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Alleluia Choir

5pm - October 8 in the Sanctuary

WNL

5:30pm - Student Center

ADULTS

Pastor's Bible Study

6pm - Meet Pastor Rob - Library

Chancel Choir

7pm - Cochran 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



Sign up here:



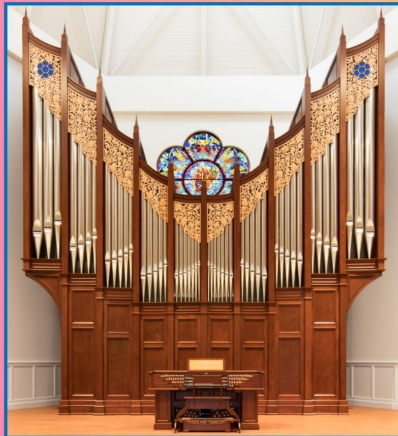
**FALL
FAMILY
FUN!**



**Announcing the 2025-2026 Concert Series
at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church!**

We have talented artists
from our own
neighborhood, and
talented artists from
around the globe!
We have instrumental
soloists, organ recitals,
choir concerts and
super-talented vocal
soloists.

*Music Under
the Spire!*



Mark your calendars!
There is something for
everyone!

Brochures available
in the Narthex or
online at
www.vpcnaples.org
Worship - Music



FALL
**Into the Habit of
GIVING BLOOD**

GiveBloodCBC.org

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday, Oct. 12**

- Eat, hydrate with water, & bring photo ID
- Minimum age: 16 with parent present
- Minimum weight: 110 pounds



SIGN-UP 239-597-5410

"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!



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

Happy Birthday!

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
Jo-Ann Degelmann	10/11
Louise Eliot	10/11
Stan Swihart	10/11
Sloane Mullen	10/11

Happy Anniversary!

Gregory & Laurin Skrabonja	10/6
Barbara & Russ Thomas	10/7
Tom & Elaine Nale	10/7
David & Karen Lawrence	10/10

*** 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!

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

Please welcome our newest members to the Endowment Birthday and Anniversary Clubs!

Birthday Club

* Joseph Riashi - 9/05

Anniversary Club

** Jack & Ellen Tanner - 9/12



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 - Iraq
 (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)