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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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Vanderbilt Learning Center
Growing, Caring, Sharing

November 1, 2026—10:00 am
All Saints' Day

The flowers on the Chancel and Fellowship Hour are sponsored in celebration of Craig and Devon's birthdays by the Grider Family.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
The Rev. Dana Waters, *Guest Preacher*
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*
James Cochran, *Director of Music Emeritus*
Jerry Grandey, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir
Julie Carver, *Pianist*

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Dick Clark & CC Waskey
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Steve Blad, Doug Dunn, Henry Gaylord, Marijane Glantz
Communion Servers: Janie Ballurio, Joan Butler, Karen Chappler, Peggy Free, Pat Gagliano, Henry Gaylord, Jerry Grandey, Barbara Hebert, Joe Hodgson, Ben Hood, Linda Teti, Becky Wheat, Gisela Yingst

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.
6 This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD and was saved from every trouble.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.
8 O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
9 O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Prelude: Mélodie, Op. 17, No. 3 — Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

*** The Call to Worship**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
Happy are those who take refuge in God.
With hearts and hands and voices,
Let us praise the Lord!

*** Hymn #526:** "For All the Saints" — SINE NOMINE

1. **For all the saints,**
   who from their labors rest,
   Who Thee by faith
   before the world confessed,
   Thy name, O Jesus,
   be forever blest.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. **Thou wast their rock,**
   their fortress, and their might;
   Thou, Lord, their captain
   in the well-fought fight;
   Thou, in the darkness
   drear, their one true light.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. **O blest communion,**
   fellowship divine!
   We feebly struggle,
   they in glory shine;
   Yet all are one in Thee,
   for all are Thine.
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. **From earth's wide bounds,**
   from ocean's farthest coast,
   Through gates of pearl streams
   in the countless host,
   Singing to Father,
   Son and Holy Ghost,
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. *(silence)* **Amen.**

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. 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 Matthew 5:1-12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 "Blessed are those

who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading Hebrews 11:29-12:2

[29] By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. [30] By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. [31] By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. [32] And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, [33] who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, [34] quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. [35] Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. [36] Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. [37] They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented [38] of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. [39] Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, [40] since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. [12:1] Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, [2] looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message The Rev. Dana Waters, from the Presbyterian Foundation

*** 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 Lord is My Shepherd" Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

The Chancel Choir

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For you are with me, You will comfort me, Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*** 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

Remembrance of the Saints

Number us among your saints, O God, and join us with the faithful of every age, especially the saints whose lives we remember and celebrate this day:

Louise Eliot	12/12/2025	Rick Bethem	4/11/2026	Dick Creviston	7/17/2026
Bill Lienemann	2/8/2026	Bill Oehler	5/1/2026	Jean Lonergan	7/17/2026
Ron Shaffer	2/26/2026	Farhat Naseem	5/9/2026	Tony Van Rooyen	8/7/2026
Bill Whitman	3/8/2026	Joe Feddern	5/12/2026	Pat Counts	9/2/2026
Pocket Patterson	3/28/2026	John McMaster	5/16/2026	Linda Burwinkel	10/3/2026
LaVerne Perrollaz	4/5/2026	Robert Conrad	5/30/2026		

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. - Psalm 116:15

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 #451:** "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" — NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

1. **Ye watchers and ye holy ones,**
   Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
   Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
   Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers,
   Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
   Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. **O higher than the cherubim,**
   More glorious than the seraphim,
   Lead their praises, Alleluia!
   Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
   Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
   Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. **Respond, ye souls in endless rest,**
   Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
   Alleluia, Alleluia!
   Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
   All saints triumphant, raise the song,
   Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. **O friends, in gladness let us sing,**
   Supernal anthems echoing,
   Alleluia, Alleluia!
   To God the Father, God the Son,
   and God the Spirit, Three in One,
   Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Commission and Blessing**

This day, and every day,
O taste and see that the Lord is good.
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: Fanfare in D major — Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

REMINDERS

- November 1, 2026 Daylight Saving Time Ends!
- The Deacon's Sunday Letters are in the Narthex for your participation.
- Order your Vanderbilt polo or "Live by Faith" shirts in the Narthex.
- Our next A.I.M. (Adventures in Membership) meeting is November 1 at 11:15am in the sanctuary.
- Sign up to join us at the Italian Potluck on Thursday, November 5 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

November 8, 2026 — 4 p.m.

Dr. Augustine Sobeng, Organist



The newly appointed Director of Music at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Dr. Augustine Sobeng, will open the concert series with an exciting tour de force on the Lively Fulcher organ. Come and hear a selection of some of his absolute favorite, great organ works - the luminous Sixth Trio Sonata of J. S. Bach, the sparkling Scherzo of Duruflé, the riveting Imperial March of Edward Elgar, and more. You are in for a truly memorable experience!

Music Under the Spire!

WHO IS GOD CALLING?

VPC Congregational Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for leaders to serve three-year terms commencing June of 2027:

RULING ELDERS

(Leading • Discernment • Governance • Vision)

DEACONS

(Compassion • Care • Service • Hospitality)

- Help us identify gifted leaders for the future of our congregation.
- Self-nominations are encouraged. Provide your recommendations to a CNC member or send an email to sfhilton@aol.com ASAP.
- CNC members are: Steve Blad, Jeff Berger, Karen Chappler, Susie Hilton, Jan Fern, Priscilla Kutler, Price Lindsay, and Jane Repp.

Thank You, Pastor Rob!

Celebrating 8 Years of Faithful Ministry at Vanderbilt

Deeply Rooted • Pastor Appreciation Month

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

November 8, 2026—10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Time to Trim the Lamps"

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13



ROOTED AND READY OPPORTUNITIES!

Book Study

Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible:

Will not meet on November 1

Resumes on November 8

Pastor's Bible Study:

Wednesdays at 6pm in the Library

Mission Challenge:

Through November 15, 2026

For Café of Life, Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance and Misión Peniel. All donations matched up to $4000 per partner.

Mark gifts "Challenge" online or in offering.



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**.

Justin Aquino & Family
Ridley Baird & Family
Chuck & Kristi Beattie
Peg Black
Carol, Marsha Bennett's Sister
Adriana Caruso
Sonja Cookson
Michael Coront
Ron Davis
Joyce Dersch
Joe & Mary Lou Eddy
The Glase & Lefkow Families
Pat Gould
Jim & Mary Hart
Liz Hart
Joyce Hickmon
Charles Irbin
Sandra Johnson
Vanessa Lobban
Justin Loeffler
Kenneth Loeffler
Carolyn & George Mackie
Bob & Doris Martin
Paul J. Moore
Sally Muir
Tom Nale
Ivana Novelli
Audrey Olsen
Peggy Paulsen
Bill Payne
Jan Pomerico
Marsha Reed
Pat Rogge
Pat Rose
Twila Rowe
Sam & Marilyn Schellar
Bill Shouldice
Mary Jane Stoner
Linda Surowiak
Barbara Thomas
Ulysses, Suzanne & Roger Eastman's grandson
Margaret Waters
Dianne Westerlund
Yana & family in Ukraine



Happy Birthday!

*Doug Dunn	11/1
Rob Kaderly	11/1
Olivia Trees	11/2
Jim Folliard	11/3
Harriet Shouldice	11/3
*George Morton	11/7

Happy Anniversary!

James Hofert &
Margaret Horstman
11/7

* **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!

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

2027 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP



The 2027 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.

Growing our Faith through Generosity

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (ESV).
- 1 Peter 4:10



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 CDR 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)