



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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November 23, 2025 — 10:00 am

Christ the King Sunday

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in loving memory of Loren Dawley by Debbie and family.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in thanksgiving for your generosity in the Stewardship Campaign by the Stewardship Ministry Team. Thank you!

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

The Chancel Choir

The Campanile Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Jan Fern & Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers),

Henry Gaylord, Carol Lindsay, George Morton,

Gwen Salyer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 46: 1-3, 8-11

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prelude: "Celebration"

Stanley Leonard (b. 1931)

The Campanile Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship

Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God;

Honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary;

Serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation;

For to Christ belong the power and the glory of the Almighty.

Praise be to God!

* Hymn #151: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:

No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Continued

**4. Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Therefore we pray: break our rebellious will. Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Through Christ our Lord, 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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"

Erik Routley (1917-1982)

The Chancel Choir

The text for this anthem is found in the hymnal at page 468.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Father Forgive Them"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

* The Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as 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: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” & “We Gather Together”

arr. Jason W. Krug

The Campanile Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

* 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 #551: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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| <p>1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.</p> <p>2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto God's praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.</p> | <p>3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take the harvest home;
From each field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give the angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In God's garner evermore.</p> <p>4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing:**

Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God.

Honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary.

Serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of Creation. 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: "Emperor's Fanfare"

Antonio Soler (1729-1783)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

November 30, 2025 10:00 am

Sermon: "Signs & Times"

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

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.

Join us as we gather together to ask
the Lord's blessing at our

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025
at 6pm in the Sanctuary**

Scripture and music of gratefulness



Join us as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas!

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 23, 2025 after worship.
Enjoy a festive time with your church family, as we work together to decorate our campus and prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Please join us as people of
diverse faiths and traditions
come together for an

Monday,
November 24, 2025

7:00 pm

Christus Victor

Lutheran Church

15600 N. Tamiami Trail

Naples, FL 34110



ADULT EDUCATION & MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

- **"Echoes of Wisdom: Ancient Truths for Modern Souls"** — Tom Grundstrom, Facilitator —
Monday, November 24 at 6:30pm (Library) Song of Solomon
- **Chancel Choir—Wednesdays at 7pm** (Cochran Hall)

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

2026 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP

Join us on Sunday,
November 23 at 10:00am
for Thank You Sunday.

During worship,
Pastor Rob will give an
update on the Estimate of
Giving cards that have
been received. Thank you
in advance for your
prayerful consideration
and generosity.



"God Can Do It: We Can Help"

"Freely you have received, freely give."

-Matthew 10:8

HAPPY

Thanksgiving

The Staff of VPC wishes

you a *Happy* and
Blessed Thanksgiving!



The office will be closed November 27 & 28.



Christmas

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Bring your favorite homemade cookies, share the joy of baking, and leave with an assortment of festive treats to sweeten your holiday season. Not a baker? Join us anyway for a festive afternoon. Punch and treats, music, songs and games. Bring a copy of your cookie recipe to share. A free will offering will be collected for Mision Peniel.

Sign up today in the Narthex or the Office!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

1:00-3:00PM - HARP HALL



Christmas TOY Drive!

Every Christmas, VPC delights in our Toy Drive, bringing joy to deserving children in need. Toys will go to the Salvation Army & Mision Peniel.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the office, church or school by December 10, 2025.



Donate at vpcnaples.org
Click GIVE - Mission
add TOY to note

Thank You

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Café of Life—Friday, November 28 at 9am**—Leitner Park 26724 Nomad Dr. Bonita
- **Weekend Power Pack —Thursday, December 11 at 10:30am** —Harp Hall

Would you like Giving Envelopes?

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"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."
1 Corinthians 16:2

Annual Commitment \$ _____
Vision Fulfillment \$ _____
Board of Deacons' Fund \$ _____
Other (Designate) \$ _____
TOTAL: _____
You may write one check for all of your offerings.

Let us know if you would like weekly giving envelopes. Please call Barbara at 597-5410 or sign up in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY & GAME NIGHT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

**DECEMBER 3, 2025
5:30PM**

Join us for a festive and cozy Christmas Pajama Party. Wear your favorite holiday pajamas, bring a game or play one here. Enjoy breakfast for dinner and get ready for a night of holiday cheer and fun!

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	Ron Davis	Carolyn Mackie	Twila Rowe
Ronan Bann	Debbie Dawley	Eugene McGuigan	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Joyce Dersch	Sr. Markolette Madden	Pete Schwiers
Kimberly Gould Blackwell	John Dietrich	Doris Martin	Bill Shouldice
Russel Blad	Martha Gates	Nancy Miller	Yana and family in Ukraine
Joan Butler	Lorna Giblin	Sally Muir	Susanne VanderStarre
Trisha Gould Champion	Mark Giersch	Donna Mullins	Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Adriana Caruso	The Grider Family	Nancy Myers	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Pat Colby	Jim & Mary Hart	Herb Newman	
Bob & Jan Conrad	Deb Hincewicz	Ivana Novelli	
Sonja Cookson	Charles Irvin	Audrey Olsen	
Richard Crawford	June Johnson	Pocket Patterson	
Dick Creviston	Sandra Johnson	Mary Ann Portman	



Happy Birthday!

*Fran Lauriat	11/23	Herb & Marciadee Newman	11/23
Scarlett Mullen	11/23	Lou & Mary Thompson	11/24
West Reardon	11/23	Max & Pat Gould	11/25
*Herb Nelson	11/25	Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken	11/26
Sharon Messmore	11/27	Don & Ruth Schulte	11/27
*George Cheatham	11/27	Bob & Madge Bush	11/28
Jane Beisler	11/29	Rob & Gayle Kaderly	11/28

Happy Anniversary!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"I will strengthen you,
I will help you, I will
uphold you with my
righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

We are charged to lean on
God in tough times.



* **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)