



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 9, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored by Barbara Hebert.

“Those who live in freedom will always be grateful to those who preserved it.

God Bless on Veterans Day and every day!”

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored with gratitude to all our Veterans.

Thank you to all who served.

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*

Jason Mikes, *Children's Moment*

Janie Ballurio, *Liturgist*

Julie Carver, *Pianist*

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*

Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne

Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers),
Ron & Linda Addaman, Karen Chappler, Barbara Hebert

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 98

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

² The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Prelude: "We Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!

Come, let us worship the Lord!

* Hymn #561: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

AMERICA

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| 1. My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside, Let freedom ring! | 3. Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees, Sweet freedom's
song; Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong. |
| 2. My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above. | 4. Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty, To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King. |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Holy God, we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

The psalmist declares that God hears the cry of the beloved and saves them.

Be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Praise the Lord, and bless God's holy name forever.

* 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

Jason 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

Haggai 2:3-9

³ Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴ Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵ according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶ For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, ⁷ and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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Message: "God of the Living"

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: "The Call"

Alexander Brent Smith (1889-1950)

The Chancel Choir

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife; Such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light as shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in length; Such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as none can move; Such a love as none can part; Such a heart as joys in love.

*** 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 #564: "Of Beautiful for Spacious Skies"**

MATERNA

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| <p>1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain! America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!</p> <p>2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness! America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!</p> | <p>3. O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life! America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine.</p> <p>4. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears! America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing:**

Go into the world in peace, bearing witness to the God of presence.

We will bless God's holy name forever, holding fast to the traditions we have been taught.

Give thanks in all things! 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: "Prelude in A Minor "

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

November 16, 2025 10:00 am

Sermon: "The Time is Near"

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Second Reading: Luke 21:5-19



Join us! Our next lunch is on Sunday November 9th!

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.



ADULT EDUCATION & MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

- **"Echoes of Wisdom: Ancient Truths for Modern Souls"** — Tom Grundstrom, Facilitator— **Sunday, November 9 at 11:30am** — **Monday, November 10 at 6:30pm** (Harp Hall) Proverbs (Part III) — Zoom available.
- **Pastor's Bible Study**—**Wednesday, November 12 at 6pm** (Library)
- **Family Led Bible Study**—**Sunday November 16 at 11:30am** (Library)
- **Chancel Choir**—**Wednesdays at 7pm** (Cochran Hall)

Solomon Eichner, Pianist

Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 4:00 pm



Music Under the Spire!

Free will offering

FRIENDS IN FAITH

10:00-11:30am

November 12, 2025.

Studying

“Fruit of the Spirit”

by Hazel Offner.

Pick up a copy at the
office for \$10.

Questions?

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Join the VPC Book Club!



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information,
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Landon
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Monday,

November 17, 2025

at 1:30pm in Harp Hall.

We will be discussing

The Women

by Kristin Hannah.

Historical fiction: The story
of a young woman serving
in the US Army Nurse Corps
during the Vietnam War.

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church 2026 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP



“God Can Do It: We Can Help”

“Freely you have received, freely give.”

-Matthew 10:8



Collier Harvest

Email Pete Rodino - pvrodino@aol.com
to volunteer!

Join us to pack bags of healthy food for our
hungry neighbors across Collier County.



Monday, November 17, 2025

4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)

4:45-6pm - bagging food

at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



Christmas

COOKIE EXCHANGE

SAVE THE DATE!!

Bring your favorite homemade cookies,
share the joy of baking, and leave with an
assortment of festive treats to sweeten
your holiday season. Everyone is invited!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

1:00-3:00PM



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.

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

Happy Birthday!

Myrna Carew	11/9
*Bill Payne	11/10
*Jim Hawkins	11/10
Barbara Henry	11/10
*Michael Bevilacqua	11/10
Capriana Davies	11/11
Patti Runkel	11/12
Martha Broeker	11/13
Tarie Curtiss	11/13
*Ben Hood	11/15

* 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!

Happy Anniversary!

**Charles & Caitlin Whittington	11/10
William & Gillian Raymond	11/14

Happy Veterans Day Tuesday, November 11, 2025



Almighty God, we commend to **your** gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad and all veterans who have served our country bravely. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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)