

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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February 22, 2026 — 10:00 am

Family Led Worship

The First Sunday in Lent

The flowers adorning the Chancel are given to the Glory of God.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
The Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, *Guest Preacher*
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*
Mary Lynn Myers, *Liturgist*
Evangeline Mikes, *Youth Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*

The Chancel Choir
Sebastian Aguilar, *Youth Acolyte*
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Pat Gagliano & Joyce Hickmon
Youth Greeters: Bella Aguilar, Hattie Mikes & Emmy Vayda
Ushers: Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Sonja Cookson, Jack & Ellen Tanner, Lynn Thomas
Youth Ushers: Ayden Carver & Carter Mikes

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: “Andante and Aria in F Major “

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship this Lord, our God alone.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #85: “What Wondrous Love is This”

WONDRIOUS LOVE

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| <p>1. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross
for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!</p> <p>2. To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb</p> | <p>who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!</p> <p>3. And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity I'll sing on.</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

(silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven!

Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: 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

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "The Heart of Resisting Temptation"

The Rev. Dr. Asa Lee

* The Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our 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: "Soon and Very Soon"

Andraé Crouch (1942-2015), arr. Jack Schrader (b. 1942)

The Chancel Choir

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King; Hallelujah.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King; Hallelujah.

* 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 #485: "To God Be the Glory"**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

- 1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**
- 2. Great things He hath taught us, great
things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher,
and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory:
great things He hath done.**

Refrain

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Worship the Lord:

Serve only God.

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 G Minor"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

GUEST PREACHER FOR NEXT WEEK

March 1, 2026 10:00 am

Lisa Lefkow, Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County

REMINDERS FOR TODAY

- Family Led Worship is at 10am.
- Fellowship Hour will be held in the Student Center after worship.
- Don't forget to sign the Deacon's letters in the Narthex.
- Adult Education is in Harp Hall at 11:30.
- Family Led Bible Study is at 11:30 in the Library.

Thank you for your generous donations to the **Souper Bowl of Caring!** We collected **\$1,880** and countless bags of food items for the **Grace Place Food Pantry.** Donations accepted through **February 23.**

Confirmation Class

High School Parents, join us for a meeting on Sunday, February 22 immediately following worship in the Sanctuary to discuss the Confirmation Class Schedule.

Questions?
email Heather:
hmikes@vpcnaples.org

TAIZÉ

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A Taizé service is a contemplative, Christian worship service characterized by meditative singing of simple, repeated chants, extended periods of silence, candlelight, and scripture readings. These services aim to foster inner peace, reflection, and reconciliation among all people.



Join us on Sundays,
February 22 and March 22
at 5pm for Taizé worship
in the Sanctuary.

Easter Lilies

Dedicate Easter lilies in honor or memory of your loved ones. Any amount is appreciated. Just complete the form, available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, with your donation marked "Easter Lilies".

To be included in the bulletin, please return by March 29, 2026.

Questions?
Call Barbara Bonavita at 597-5410.



Congregational Meeting Notice

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 8, 2026** for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.



Be the Light!

The meeting will be held immediately following the 10:00 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the next class of VPC officers and all members of the Congregational Nominations Committee, approve the 2026 Terms of the Pastoral Call, and to receive the 2025 Annual Report.

We hope to see you there!

Rest & Resilience

Following the Way of Jesus through Lent



Making Space for Jesus
Pick up a printed copy
of the Lent Devotional
in the Narthex or Church Office.

Making Room at Home for Jesus
a Lent 2026 resource
for families



Navigating Alzheimer's Together: What the Alzheimer's Support Network Can Do for You

Learn about the extensive array of FREE services offered by the Alzheimer's Support Network, from caregiver support groups and respite programs to brain fitness activities and dementia safety initiatives. With nearly 45 years of service in Collier County, they remain a trusted resource for families, professionals, and anyone impacted by Alzheimer's and related dementias.



DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2026
TIME: 6:30pm
PLACE: Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church - Harp Hall
WHO: Karen Rodino, Family Consultant, Music Connection Coordinator, Brain Fitness Center Educator of the Alzheimer's Support Network

Sign up in the Narthex or call the office 597-5410

CPR Training for Ushers Open to all VPC members

Presented by the North Collier Fire Department

You will learn how to administer compression-only CPR and the use of an AED. We will also review what to do when a person is choking.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12th AT 10am in HARP HALL

Hands-Only CPR can double a person's chance of survival if performed in the first few moments.



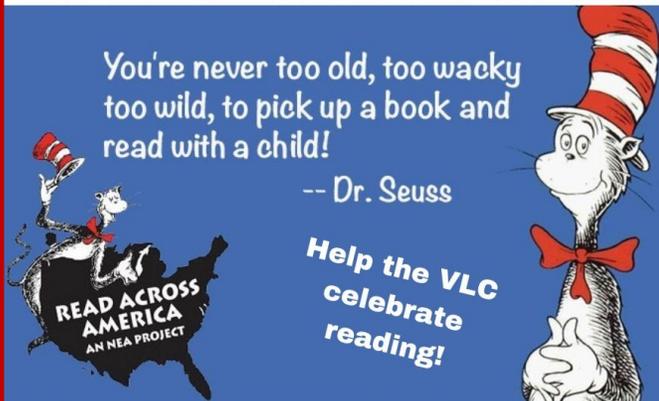
Come spend a couple of hours with us and learn how to save a life.

Read Across America Week is March 2-5!

You're never too old, too wacky
too wild, to pick up a book and
read with a child!

-- Dr. Seuss

Help the VLC
celebrate
reading!



In honor of Read Across America Week, we invite special guests into classrooms to read a short, age-appropriate story. Times vary. Please email Mrs. Mikes to sign up. You may bring a favorite book, we can choose one for you or borrow one from the Judy Schwiers Library. hmikes@vpcnaples.org

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering for the PCUSA

Envelopes are located in the
Narthex through April 5th.

What does the Lord require of you?

...to do justice

One Great Hour of Sharing has been a catalyst for love for over 75 years.

Every gift makes a difference in the life of the most vulnerable of God's people.

We are the Church, together.



Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) – disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees – serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Thank you for your generosity.



Collier Harvest

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

Monday, February 23, 2026
4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)
4:45-6pm - bagging food
at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



Friday, February 27, 2026
9:00 am
Leitner Park - 26724 Nomad Dr.
Bonita Springs 34135



For information
or to volunteer -
email Eliza Nevin
elizanevin@comcast.net

JOIN THE FUN!

You are invited to celebrate with the IFHA
community on
Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 11am-1pm for the
2nd Annual Block Party!
2070 Corazon de la Comunidad Circle,
Immokalee, FL 34142

YOUR HEART BUILDS HOMES Now and For Generations to Come



Weekend Power Pack!



Thursday, March 19, 2026
at 10:30am in Harp Hall.

Email Becky Wheat to volunteer:
sportbroad@comcast.net.

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	Joyce Dersch	Chris Mobley	Yana and family in Ukraine
Kimberly Gould	John Dietrich	Manuela Mobley's family	Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Blackwell	Jim Folliard	in Venezuela	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Margie Berend	Jennee C. Garrett	Sally Muir	Melissa Vollmer
Russel Blad	Jim & Mary Hart	Donna Mullins	Don Westall
Trisha & Jessie	Margaret Horstman	Ivana Novelli	Barbara Whittington
Campion and baby	Sandra Johnson	Audrey Olsen	Morgan Winiecki
Greyson	Daryl King	Pocket Patterson	
Craig Canatsey	Polly Lloyd	Jodi Reckmeyer	
Adriana Caruso	Carolyn Mackie	Twila Rowe	
Pat Colby	Sr. Markolette	Sam & Marilyn Schellar	
Bob & Jan Conrad	Madden	Bill Shouldice	
Andrea Daggett	Doris Martin	Barbara Thomas	
Ron Davis	Laura McLarty	Lou Thompson	



Happy Birthday!

John Miles	2/22	*Joyce Geary	2/26
Andrea Daggett	2/23	Mary Ann	
Thomas Loughran	2/23	Koppelkam	2/26
Dave Windley	2/23	Terry Mountford	2/26
*Emily Beynon	2/24	Mauricio Aguilar	2/26
Yvonne Van Rooyen	2/24	*Connie Hawkins	2/26
*Joe Hodgson	2/24	June Johnson	2/27
Alice Riddick	2/24		
Jeanie Darnell	2/25		

FEBRUARY

Happy Anniversary!

Al & Elizabeth Todd 2/28

* **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-Ft. Campbell, KY
(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)