



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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February 8, 2026 — 10:00 am The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in loving memory of Randy Goode, beloved nephew of Carolyn Magarro and of the Goode Family—son, brother, husband and father of two beautiful young daughters.

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

Connie Weiss, Oboe

John Weiss, Cello

Gordon Black, Piano

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Barbara Hebert & CC Waskey

Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken

(Head Ushers), Ron & Linda Addaman, Ben Hood, Lynn Thomas

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 112:1-10

¹ Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.
² Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
⁴ They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
⁶ For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.
⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.
⁸ Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
⁹ They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.
¹⁰ The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Prelude: "Kleine Kammermusik, Partita II"

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

Aria 1: Allegro—Aria 2: Allegro—Aria 4: Affettuoso—Aria 5: Presto

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Souper Bowl of Caring

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
Jesus proclaims,
"You are the light of the world."
Thanks be to God.
Let us worship God.*

* Hymn #108: "Christ is Alive!"

TURUO

- 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.**
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2. Christ is alive! No longer bound**
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.
- 3. Not throned afar, remotely high,**
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior in the God-head reigns.
- 4. In every insult, rift, and war,**
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

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

Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and

oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Be Salt and Light"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

From The Confession of 1967

We believe: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. 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: "Nearer My God to Thee"

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

The Chancel Choir & John Weiss, *Cello*

Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee. E'vn though it be a cross that raiseth me. Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to Thee, Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee. Oh, let the way appear, leading to heaven, All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given. Thy spirit beckons me, nearer, my God, to Thee. There in my Father's home, safe and at rest, Those in my Savior's love, perfectly blest. Age after age to be nearer, my God to Thee!

* 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 #383: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

OLIVET

- 1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
be wholly Thine!**
- 2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!**
- 3. While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.**
- 4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll.
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!**

* Commission and Blessing:

*Jesus said, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

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: "Chaconne in G Minor"

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 15, 2026 10:00 am

Sermon: "Light in a Cloud"

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

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 in the Narthex.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered caregiving relationship ministered by specially trained lay members who are bound by confidentiality.

Please contact the office if you are in need.

DON'T PASS YOUR CHANCE TO TACKLE HUNGER WITH US!

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, 2026, our children and youth will be collecting donations of food and money, under the porte-cochere before and after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



Adult Education Opportunities

Tom Grundstrom, Facilitator



The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the holy one is insight. - Proverbs 9:10

**February 8 (11:30am) & 9 (6:30pm)
"The Upside Down Kingdom:
The Sermon on the Mount."**

**February 10 (11:00am)
"Confirmation Remix –
Rewind, Replay, Renew."**

Femme Foodies



Ladies! Join us as we gather with other women from VPC for a casual lunch! We meet every month (October - May) on the fourth Friday of the month at 12:30pm.

Contact Jane Higdon (at least a week in advance) to reserve your seat!

text 301-643-0570 or email higdonjh@msn.com.

Simple, delicious and enjoyable fellowship. Bring your friends!

Bon Appetit!

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

presents

Daniela Shtéreva & Milana Strezeva
in a special concert for violin and piano

"Franco-Spanish Valentine Affair"

Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Music
Under the
Spire!



Free
will
offering

Community
BloodCenter
Affiliate of NCH

BLOOD DRIVE

Why Donate Blood?

- **Save Lives:** 1 donation can save up to 3 lives.
- **Health Benefits:** Blood donation can improve your overall well-being.
- **Feel Good:** Experience the reward of helping those in need.

SIGN UP: 239.597.5410



**Sunday,
February 15, 2026** **Vanderbilt Presbyterian
Church
12225 Piper Blvd, Naples FL
34110**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Begin your Lenten journey here...

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY Worship

Worship at 6:00pm

FRIENDS IN FAITH

10:00-11:30am

February 11, 2026

Studying

"Fruit of the Spirit"

by Hazel Offner.

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

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MINISTRY.

Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered caregiving relationship ministered by specially trained lay members who are bound by confidentiality.

If you would like to learn more or you are currently a Stephen Minister, please join us at our next meeting, **Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 12:00 pm** in the Conference Room.

Questions? Contact Karen Chappler:
kchappler@aol.com



The James Craig Education Series presents

"Religious Violence, Spiritual Abuse and Trauma, and the Journey Towards The Beloved Community"

Presented by: Dr. Danjuma Gibson

**Saturday, February 21, 2026
from 9:30am-12pm**

Harp Hall at Vanderbilt Presbyterian

Call 597-5410
to register



Dr. Danjuma Gibson is professor of Practical Theology and Psychology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is both a scholar and a licensed professional counselor with experience in theological education, congregational ministry, and administrative leadership.

The event is free and open to the public!

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

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



FEBRUARY

Happy Birthday!

*Andrea Paciello	2/8	Susanne Pender	2/11
Jean Suciu	2/10	*Sonja Cookson	2/11
Nicholas Barkley	2/10	William Raymond	2/11
Darren Gersch	2/10	Jody Nowry	2/14
*Jim Cochran	2/11		

Happy Anniversary!

Hans & Eleanor Hoppner	2/9
**Buck & Vicki Evans	2/11

* **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)