

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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March 1, 2026 — 10:00 am The Second Sunday in Lent

The flowers adorning the Chancel are given to commemorate the life of Ed Haller by his loving wife, Joan.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the VPC Sunshiners in remembrance of Ed Haller.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
The Rev. Lisa Lefkow, *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*
Jason Mikes, *Children's Moment*
Janie Ballurio, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Bob & Dianne Townsend
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head Ushers), Sonja Cookson, Ben Hood, Lynn Thomas, Joe Trees
Communion Servers: Joann Butler, Peggy Free, Jerry Grandey, Debbie Hamilton, Tom Hauschild, Barbara Hebert, Joe Hodgson, Ben Hood, Jane Repp, Tim Riggers, Pete Schwiers, Jack & Ellen Tanner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: "Aria"

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Announcements

Moment for Mission

The Rev. Lisa Lefkow—Habitat for Humanity

Passing of the Peace

*** The Call to Worship**

From where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Who is our keeper?

The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #339: "Be Thou My Vision"**

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| <p>1. Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.</p> <p>2. Riches I heed not,
nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.</p> | <p>3. Be Thou my wisdom,
and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

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

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

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the

teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "We are the World"

The Rev. Lisa Lefkow

*** 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: "God So Loved the World"

John Stainer (1840-1901)

The Chancel Choir

God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

*** 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

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

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

* Hymn #415: "Come, Labor On"

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| <p>1. Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle, on the harvest plain
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."</p> | <p>3. Come, labor on.
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here;
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill
God's righteous will.</p> |
| <p>2. Come, labor on.
Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
To young and old the Gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.</p> | <p>4. Come, labor on.
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Well done, well done!"</p> |

*** Commission and Blessing**

Go out in faith, trusting in God's sense of direction.

**Remember how much God loves this world and so love the world in the name of Christ,
That your testimony becomes the good news
Someone else has been waiting to receive.**

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: "Toccata in C Major"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

March 8, 2026 10:00 am

Sermon: " Be Salt and Light"

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

REMINDERS FOR TODAY

- 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.

Congregational Meeting Notice

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



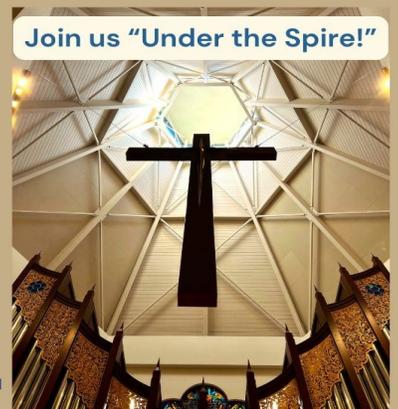
Be the Light!

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.

A.I.M. – Adventures In Membership

Are you interested in joining our church family?
Join us for worship and stay for a brief Q&A with Pastor Rob as we chat about Vanderbilt and what it means to be involved in the ministry of Christ's church.

*childcare provided



March 1, 2026 at 11:15am

TIME CHANGE COMING UP...

MARCH 8, 2026



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

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

THE ALLELUIA CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

Alleluia Choir will rehearse
on Wednesdays with
Dr. Jim in the Sanctuary
from 5-5:30pm.
Join us! - **March 4th**



"Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person."

-Mr. Rogers

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

March 4

Mr. Rogers Day

Pick up your form to dedicate Easter Lilies!

Available in the Narthex. Any amount is appreciated! Return by March 29, 2026.

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

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MINISTRY.

**OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS
ARE READY TO CARE
FOR YOU!!**

For some people there are daily struggles; a painful reminder of a broken relationship, the death of a loved one, a recent relocation, a chronic illness, or another life challenge. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring Jesus' love back into your life. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, support, encourage, pray for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your struggle. To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, contact one of our Stephen Leaders:

Karen Chappler: kchappler@aol.com
Michael Swain: swain4605@gmail.com



Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

presents

Adam J. Brakel, Organist

Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Music Under the Spire!

Free will offering



Read Across America Week is March 2-5!

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

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **March** is **Habitat for Humanity** month at VPC! The Rev. Lisa Lefkow, CEO of Habitat of Collier County will preach **Sunday, March 1**.
- **Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance** invites you to their 2nd Annual Block Party—**Saturday, March 7 from 11am—1pm**, 2070 Corazon de la Comunidad Circle, Immokalee
- **One Great Hour of Sharing** envelopes are located in the Narthex through **April 5**.
- **Weekend Power Pack** join us to pack food for students at Sabal Palm Elementary on **Thursday, March 19 at 10:30am** in Harp Hall.

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	Laura McLarty	Barbara Thomas
Kimberly Gould	John Dietrich	John McMaster	Yana and family in Ukraine
Blackwell	Jim Folliard	Sally Muir	Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Margie Berend	Peggy Free & Family	Donna Mullins	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Jim Campbell	Jennee C. Garrett	Ivana Novelli	Melissa Vollmer
Trisha & Jessie	Jim & Mary Hart	Penny O'Kelley	Don Westall
Campion and baby	Jim Hawkins	Audrey Olsen	Barbara Whittington
Greyson	Renee Healy	Pocket Patterson	
Craig Canatsey	Sandra Johnson	Jodi Reckmeyer	
Adriana Caruso	Carolyn Mackie	Twila Rowe	
Pat Colby	Sr. Markolette	Sam & Marilyn Schellar	
Bob & Jan Conrad	Madden	Bill Shouldice	
Ron Davis	Doris Martin	Joyce Sweet	

PRAYER
list...



Happy Anniversary!

John & Susanne Pender 3/7

Happy Birthday!

Roberta Hobbs	3/1	Barbara Feddern	3/2
*Shirley Schwindt	3/1	Dianne Townsend	3/3
Dale Tremblay	3/1	Charles Rainbolt	3/5
Brian Carver	3/1	*Ellen Tanner	3/7
Amy Breton	3/2	Margaret Swaby	3/7
*Shar Rosser	3/2		

* **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. Grasseti
(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)