



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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June 7, 2026—10:00 am

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

The flowers on the Chancel are given in loving memory of Joyce and Doreen Bevan by Lew Bevan and in loving memory of my husband, Jack, by Rosemary Ufheil.

Fellowship Hour is sponsored by our church family in celebration of the newly renovated Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of connection and community after worship!

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
The Rev. Melana Scruggs, 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
Bill Payne, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Jan Fern and Joyce Hickmon
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head Ushers),
 Steve Blad, Karen Chappler, Anne Smith,
 Becky Wheat

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 33:1-12

- ¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.
² Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
⁷ He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.
⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
⁹ for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Shall We Gather at the River?"

arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

All who are righteous, shout with joy to our God!

Let us sing a new song!

Praise God and give thanks, with organs, with guitars, with all kinds of instruments!

Play your best with joy!

Because our Creator's word is right, and everything God does is done for our good.

Let your faithful love surround us, O God!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #403: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

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| 1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer! | 2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer! |
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Continued

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of calling, you called Abraham and Matthew and gave them the strength they needed to follow you. You also called a people and cared for and nurtured that people so that they could live life in your abundance. You also call us, but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes and cover our ears, turning our back to your will. Forgive us, O God, and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need to follow when you call. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

We can now live in peace!

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 4:13-25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

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. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "God's Promises"

The Rev. Melana Scruggs

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from A Declaration of Faith

We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ, our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ, God's Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ, God's Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as Jesus did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God, but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ. 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: "Over My Head"

African American Spiritual, arr. John Bell (b. 1949)

The Chancel Choir

Over my head I hear music in the air; There must be a God somewhere. Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air. And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air. Now when I think on Jesus, I hear music in the air. There must be a God somewhere.

*** 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 #324: "Open My Eyes That I May See"**

OPEN MY EYES

**1. Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.**

**2. Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear. *Refrain***

Refrain:

**Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

**3. Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share. *Refrain***

*** Commission and Blessing**

Do not waver in unbelief regarding the promise of God.

We will be strengthened by God's faith and give glory to God.

Be fully persuaded that God has the power to do what God promises, every day. 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 C Major"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

June 14, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Something Unexpected"

First Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Second Reading: Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)

REMINDERS:

The Deacon's Sunday Letters are in the Narthex for your participation.

THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST PREACHER, REV. MELANA SCRUGGS



We welcome the Rev. Melana Scruggs as our guest preacher today. She grew up in Tampa and is a graduate of the University of Florida and Columbia Theological Seminary. She has served churches in Oklahoma, Florida, and Missouri and was the co-executive presbyter and Stated Clerk in John Calvin Presbytery. She has served as General Presbyter of Peace River Presbytery since November 2019. She lives in Babcock Ranch with her husband, daughter and grandson.



Today

**Walk in donors are welcome!
Head to the parking lot!**

GIVE BLOOD
SUNDAY, JUNE 7
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

IN SYMPATHY

We are saddened to announce the death of **Robert "Bob" Conrad** on May 30, 2026 at the age of 96. He and his wife, Jan, have been members of VPC for over 34 years. Please keep his family in your prayers at this difficult time. The family is planning a memorial service at a later date in Indiana.



Condolences may be sent to Jan at 870 Classic Ct. #217 Naples, FL 34110.

VPC VBS Needs your donations to Help us make VBS Amazing!

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

We are looking for paper wrapping supplies from Amazon deliveries and oversized boxes (appliance size). Bring them to the church office or the Student Center. Check the VPC Week at a Glance links to our Amazon and Group Wish Lists.

Please consider sponsoring flowers or fellowship!

We are in need of sponsors for chancel flowers and fellowship hours for the upcoming months. Do you have a special celebration to share? What about honoring a loved one? Share these milestones with your church family!

Call the office today to reserve your date! 597-5410 *Thank You*

VPC Summer Sunday School
Sundays, May 31 - September 6

SUMMER CAMP SUMMER CAMP SUMMER CAMP

PRAYER PROJECT

Join us in our Summer Camp Prayer Project and pray for our youth attending Cedarkirk, June 21-28.

physical health & safety

build new friendships

deepen existing friendships

encounter God

camp leaders & staff

good weather

open hearts

moments of laughter

attentive ears

create and maintain prayer habits

practice engaging in worship together

be bold and have courage

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. Prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for 30 days.

Ridley Baird & Family	Jim Folliard	Barbara McElwaine	Bill Shouldice
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Pat Gould	Laura McLarty	Reggie Smith
Julie Beavers	Lynne Gratton	Sally Muir	Tricia Taylor
Kimberly Gould	Jim & Mary Hart	David Nale	Barbara Thomas
Blackwell	Margaret Horstman	Ivana Novelli	Bob Townsend
Jim Campbell	Sandra Johnson	Audrey Olsen	Yana & family in Ukraine
Adriana Caruso	Ana Koch	Pat Paciello	Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Molly Cochran	Justin Loeffler	Jodi Reckmeyer	Yvonne & Tony
Pat Colby	Andrew Lowry	Marsha Reed	Van Rooyen
Jan Conrad and Family	Carolyn Mackie	Pat Rose	Dianne Westerlund
Ron Davis	Sr. Markolette Madden	Twila Rowe	Alexis Williams
Joyce Dersch	Doris Martin	Sam & Marilyn Schellar	
John Dietrich	Megan Martin	Pete Schwiers	



Happy Birthday!

*Audrey Olsen	6/7
Dick Dahnke	6/9
Gail Gorran	6/9
Elizabeth Yovanovich	6/10
Caroline Yovanovich	6/10
Carolyn Schumann	6/11
Macalister Davies	6/11
*Steven Woodring	6/12
*Joe Felipe	6/12
*Elaine Hinkle	6/13
*Deane Hawkins	6/13
Wayne Peters	6/13

Happy Anniversary!

Robert & Gracia Schmidt	6/7
Jim & Sally Muir	6/10
**Jim & Deane Hawkins	6/10
Janet & James Mungo	6/10
Gary & Anne Christensen	6/11
David & Tarie Curtiss	6/12

* **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% for Youth & Education Ministry!

The James Cochran Fund for Tuning and Maintenance of the Fors Lively Fulcher Pipe Organ

To donate online go to www.vpcnaples.org and GIVE in the Endowment section. Make checks payable to Vanderbilt Presbyterian. Add "Cochran Endowment Fund" to the note.

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)

COL Jessica D. Grassetti
 (Claudia Polzin's niece)
E4 Brian Guzman
 USAF - Colorado
 (Cesar Guzman's son)
Staff SGT Jacob Guzman
 US Army-Ft. Campell, KY
 (Cesar Guzman's son)

SGT Wesley Kennedy
 USMC - Ft. Myers, FL
CPT Tyler Olbrich
 US Army - South Carolina
 (friend of Karen Hiller)
LCPL Michael Russell
 USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC
 (Heather Anderson's son)