



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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July 12, 2026—10:00 am

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The flowers on the Chancel are given in loving memory of Carolyn B. Moore by William S. Moore.

The flowers on the Chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored by Ron & Linda Addaman.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
James Cochran, *Director of Music Emeritus*
Bob Henstein, *Organist*
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*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Pat Gagliano & CC Waskey
Ushers: Pat Rose (Head Usher),
Steve Blad, Barbara Hebert, Carol Lindsay,
Lynn Thomas, Gisela Yingst

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 65:9-13

⁹ You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;

¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

Prelude: "Partita on St. Anne"

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

God's creation delights and astonishes.

Let the people pause and wonder!

God, the Creator, has made it all.

Let the creation shout and sing!

Alleluia!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #560: "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

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1. We plow the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

2. You only are the Maker
Of all things near and far;
You paint the wayside flower,
You light the evening star;

The winds and waves obey You,
By You the birds are fed;
Much more to us, Your children,
You give our daily bread.

3. We thank You, then, Creator,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer,
For all Your love imparts,
And what You most would welcome,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, your sins 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 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh;

you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!" ¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Can You Hear?"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** Affirmation of Faith**

From the Barmen Declaration

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world. So we reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans. 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: "Guide My Feet"

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Whalum

The Chancel Choir

Text can be found on page 354 of the hymnal.

* 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 #551: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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| <p>1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.</p> <p>2. We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.</p> | <p>3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall purge away
All that doth offend that day.
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.</p> <p>4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin.
There, forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

Go forth sowing the seed of God's new world.

We give thanks, for God supplies the growth.

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: "Fugue in G Major"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a brief congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, July 19, 2026 for the purpose of electing officers.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR NEXT WEEK**

July 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Sermon:

"Sewing Good Seeds"

First Reading:

Romans 8:12-25

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

REMINDER

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

Cedarkirk Camp Memories

**Mark your calendar to attend worship
on Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 10am.**



**Our youth will share their
favorite memories from their
week of camp at Cedarkirk .**



**SUMMER CAMP
PRAYER PROJECT**



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.

VBS MISSION PROJECT

MAKE A SPLASH FOR STUDENTS

We are collecting school supplies and backpacks for our mission partners. We hope this year's VBS Mission Project will help alleviate some of the financial stress for families and ensure their children (PK-12th grade) have what they need for a successful school year.

**JUNE 28-JULY 26
BLUE TUBS ARE IN THE NARTHEX & OFFICE**

Monetary donations can be made to VPC - note VBS mission project.

ZIPPER BACKPACKS

WIDE RULED SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS

PENCIL SHARPENERS

POCKET FOLDERS WITH PRONGS

RULERS

8/10 PACK WASHABLE MARKERS

SHARPENED #2 PENCILS

GLUE STICKS

BLACK & RED PENS

24 PACK CRAYONS

FILL THE LAGOON!

GRACE PLACE For Children & Families

The SHELTER for abused women & children

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Vanderbilt Learning Center Growing, Caring, Sharing

Vanderbilt PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Reasons to VOLUNTEER at

RAIN FOREST VBS

- Reach children with Jesus' love
- Answer God's call to serve
- Invest in the next generation
- Culture young hearts
- Form lasting relationships
- Offer your gifts to God
- Rely on God
- Encourage spiritual growth
- Share laughter and joy
- Transform lives (including your own!)

WELCOME BOB HENSTEIN

Bob Henstein will be our substitute organist for two weeks, while Julie Carver is in Europe. He has been involved in church music for 25 plus years. Bob holds music degrees in organ from Concordia College and Kent State University with a masters degree in organ performance and music theory. Currently, he serves Northfield Methodist Church, MN and has lead hymn festivals in Minnesota, South Dakota, and New York. He has taught in the summer organ seminars at St. Olaf College.



Help us help others by serving this important mission!

Friday, July 17 at 1pm
We carpool from the church returning around 7pm



Email Karen Chappler
kchappler@aol.com



Thank you for serving!

Wednesday, July 15, 2026
VBS Volunteer Training & Dinner
5:30-7pm
Fellowship Hall

Volunteer Commissioning
Sunday, July 19, 2026
at 10am

July 20-24, 2026 VBS
9am- 12pm
Volunteers arrive at 8:30am

Sunday, July 26, 2026
VBS Celebration
Sunday at 10am

RAIN FOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

VPC

Summer Sunday School

Sundays, May 31 - September 6

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.

Justin Aquino & Family	Pat Gould	Nancy Nilsen
Ridley Baird & Family	Jim & Mary Hart	Ivana Novelli
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Margaret Horstman	Audrey Olsen
Richard Brown	Kathy Huebner	Peggy Paulsen
Adriana Caruso	Sandra Johnson	Mary Ann Portman
Molly Cochran	Carolyn Mackie	Leah Ray
Dick Creviston	Sr. Markolette Madden	Marsha Reed
Ron Davis	Bob & Doris Martin	Twila Rowe
Joyce Dersch	Sarah Martyniak	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
Jim Folliard	John McGregor	Bill Shouldice
Ron Garvey, DDS	Sally Muir	Barbara Thomas
Lori Godwin	David Nale	Yana & family in Ukraine

Yvonne & Tony
Van Rooyen
Alexis Williams

PRAYER
list

Happy Birthday!

*Jodi Reckmeyer	7/12
Peter Tremblay	7/12
Dianne Westerlund	7/13
Pat Gould	7/13
Colton Monda	7/13
Lio Martinez	7/14
Evelyn Whittington	7/14
Bob Reardon	7/14
*Jane Higdon	7/14
*Vicki Evans	7/15
Joni Poposki	7/15
*Ellen Morton	7/16
Jill Trees	7/16
Berniece Pak	7/16
*Geri Payne	7/17



Penny Jacob	7/18
Peg Black	7/18
Joyce Peters	7/18

Happy Anniversary!

**Pete & Karen Rodino	7/4
Dick & Sherry Hardgrove	7/15
George Cheatham & Jean Dugan	7/18

Pray For



* **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!

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