



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 19, 2026—10:00 am

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The flowers on the Chancel are given in celebration of
Doug and Jill Dunn's 59th anniversary on July 22nd.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in celebration of the beginning of Vacation Bible School: may this week be filled with joy, learning, faith and fun as we grow in God's love together.

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

Janie Ballurio, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Joan Butler & Joyce Hickmon
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head Ushers),
Ron & Linda Addaman, Barbara Hebert,
Lynn Thomas

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 86:11-17

- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
- ¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
- ¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- ¹⁴ O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.
- ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
- ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant.
- ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Prelude: "Andante" from Organ Concerto G Major

George F. Handel (1685-1759)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forever!

For great is your steadfast love for me.

You have delivered my soul from the depths.

God says, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

Thanks be to God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #384: "O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go"

ST MARGARET

1. O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

Continued

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Abba, Father, where we are in bondage to sin, set us free; restore us as your children and joint heirs with Christ. You are our hope. Lead us in the way everlasting. *(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.

Cedarkirk Camp Memories and VBS Volunteer Commissioning

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 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** Affirmation of Faith**

from the Second Helvetic Confession

The Church is an assembly of the faithful, called or gathered out of the world. They are all citizens of the one city, living under the same Lord, under the same laws, and in the same fellowship with all good things. Those who are in the Church have one faith and one spirit; they worship but one God, and in God alone they worship in spirit and truth. Hence, we must be very careful not to judge before the time, nor undertake to exclude, reject, or cut off those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected, and those whom we cannot eliminate without loss to the Church. 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: "Dona Nobis"

arr. Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

The Chancel Choir

Dona nobis pacem. Amen. Grant us peace. Amen.

*** 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 #439: "In Christ There is No East or West"**

ST PETER

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| 1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth. | 3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me. |
| 2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind. | 4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth. |

*** Commission and Blessing**

Go forth as beloved children of God,

Living in hope and confident in God's promises.

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: "Toccata on Amazing Grace"

Christopher Pardini (b. 1973)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

July 26, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Truth About God's Love"

First Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

REMINDERS

Take a butterfly to remind you to pray for our Rainforest VBS!
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



WELCOME BOB HENSTEIN

Bob Henstein is our substitute organist today, 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 master's 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.



Congregational Meeting Notice



JOAN BUTLER was born and raised in New Jersey. She moved to Naples from Winston Salem, North Carolina where she lived for 30 years and worked as an RN. She has two sons and five grandchildren. Joan joined VPC in 2021 and has become an active member of Stephen Ministry, Membership and Involvement and Deacons. Joan likes to read, swim, walk and spending time with her dog.



BARBARA HEBERT and her husband were snowbirds traveling between Cape Cod and Naples. She is now a full-time resident of the Vineyards. She has been very involved in VPC as a Deacon, Membership & Involvement and as the coordinator of Vanderbilt Ladies Who Lunch.



LINDA TETI is a widow and Realtor who has called Naples home since the 1970s. She enjoys being active in the community and spending time playing pickleball, golf, and mahjonnig. She is grateful to be part of her church family and looks forward to serving alongside others.



JERRY WARNKEN was born in NJ and grew up in PA. After working in PA for several years after college, he migrated to Naples in 1976, where he met and married his wife, Mari-Bea. They began attending Vanderbilt in 1991 with their four children. He has served on many teams, including Session, Personnel, Ushers, CNC, and the Pastor Nominating Committee.



BECKY WHEAT has been an active member of Vanderbilt since 2018. She has served diligently on the Mission Team, as an Usher and as a Deacon. She is glad to be of service to the Deacons again.

The Session has approved a request of the Congregational Nominating Committee to call a meeting of the congregation on **July 19, 2026** for the purpose of electing officers.

MAKE A SPLASH FOR STUDENTS

VBS MISSION PROJECT

JUNE 28-JULY 26

BLUE TUBS ARE IN THE NARTHEX & OFFICE

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.

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

FILL THE LAGOON!

Logos: GRACE PLACE For Children & Families, The SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN & CHILDREN, Misión Peniel, Vanderbilt Learning Center, Growing, Caring, Sharing, Vanderbilt PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Items to collect: ZIPPER BACKPACKS, RULERS, 8/10 PACK WASHABLE MARKERS, SHARPENED #2 PENCILS, POCKET FOLDERS WITH PRONGS, GLUE STICKS, 24 PACK CRAYONS, BLACK & RED PENS, PENCIL SHARPENERS, WIDE RULED SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS

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	Joyce Dersch	Bob & Doris Martin	Twila Rowe
Ridley Baird & Family	Joe & Mary Lou Eddy	Sarah Martyniak	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Jim Folliard	John McGregor	Bill Shouldice
Peg Black	Ron Garvey, DDS	Sally Muir	Barbara Thomas
Richard Brown	Lori Godwin	David Nale	Yana & family in Ukraine
The Burwinkle Family	Pat Gould	Nancy Nilsen	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Adriana Caruso	Jim & Mary Hart	Ivana Novelli	Becky Wheat
Tom Clark	Margaret Horstman	Audrey Olsen	Alexis Williams
Molly Cochran	Kathy Huebner	Peggy Paulsen	
Michael Coront	Sandra Johnson	Mary Ann Portman	
Dick Creviston	Carolyn Mackie	Leah Ray	
Ron Davis	Sr. Markolette Madden	Marsha Reed	

PRAYER
list

Happy Birthday!

*Pat Rogge	7/19
Reid Lennertz	7/19
Sally Meeuwssen	7/20
Sue Graves	7/20
Barbara Dominguez	7/21
Richard Hood	7/21
Sharon Wylie	7/22
Jon White	7/23
Michele Yovanovich	7/23
John Monda	7/24
Karen Negri	7/24



Happy Anniversary!

Dale & Betsy Dillingham	7/19
Jim & Wealtha Flick	7/20
**Doug & Jill Dunn	7/22
Oscar & Elizabeth Lowe	7/24
Lynn & Shar Rosser	7/24
Craig & Amber Grider	7/25
Jonas & Christine Rockhold	7/25
Joe & Ruth Felipe	7/25

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