



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 5, 2026—10:00 am

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The flowers on the Chancel are given in memory of our beloved sister, Patricia Dillon,
by Russell & Kathleen Vance.

Join us for Fellowship Hour as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

James Cochran, Director of Music Emeritus

Julie Carver, Organist & Pianist

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

Pat Rose, Liturgist

Jeremy Franklin Goodman, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Jane Higdon & Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers),
Karen Chappler, Henry Gaylord, Anne Smith,
Lynn Thomas

Communion Servers: Janie Ballurio, Joan Butler,
Karen Chappler, Jan Fern, Peggy Free,
Henry Gaylord, Jerry Grandey, Barbara Hebert,
Joyce Hickmon, Joe Hodgson, Ben Hood,
Linda Teti, Gisela Yingst

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 145:8-14

⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Prelude: Excerpts from “Fanfare for Freedom: An Overture for America” Jeremy Franklin Goodman

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Come, all you who carry heavy burdens, and Christ will give you rest.

For he is gentle and humble in heart: in him we find rest for our souls.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #562: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

2. O Savior, whose almighty word
The wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage did sleep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease,
And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power,
All travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest relationships with our friends, our spouses, and our partners. We give this burden to you, mindful of Jesus' promise that he will give us rest. We trust in you. *(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

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 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30

¹⁶ "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸ 'For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Finding Rest"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

* 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 Bless America"

arr. Roy Ringwald (1910-1995)

The Chancel Choir

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.

God bless America, my home sweet home.

* 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 #564: "O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies"**

MATERNA

- 1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**
- 2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!**

- America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!**
- 3. O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine.**

Continued

4. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

*** Commission and Blessing**

Grow to know the yoke that is easy and the burden that is light which Christ offers you.

In turn, we will become rest for those who are weary and heavy laden.

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: Excerpts from "Fanfare for Freedom: An Overture for America" Jeremy Franklin Goodman

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

July 12, 2026—10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Can You Hear?"

First Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

REMINDER

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

WELCOME JEREMY FRANKLIN GOODMAN!

Jeremy Goodman, pianist and composer, is a Naples native and former piano student of Julie Carver. He holds a BM and MM from NYU and lives in New York City. His symphonic works have been performed with orchestras across the country. This morning's organ and piano duet arrangement was created for the 250th birthday celebration of America and today's service.

Pray For



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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Julie Carver who will be our organist and choir director until the new Director of Music is hired. Julie has faithfully served Vanderbilt for many years as our pianist, accompanist and substitute for Jim. She has been a member for over 27 years and will help be the bridge to our new music director. We are beyond grateful to have Julie continue the excellent music program at VPC.

Thank you, Julie!

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.

WIDE RULED SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS

PENCIL SHARPENERS

BLACK & RED PENS

24 PACK CRAYONS

GLUE STICKS

POCKET FOLDERS WITH PRONGS

SHARPENED #2 PENCILS

ZIPPER BACKPACKS

RULERS

8/10 PACK WASHABLE MARKERS

FILL THE LAGOON!

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

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

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

Logos: Vanderbilt Learning Center, Vanderbilt PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

PRAYER
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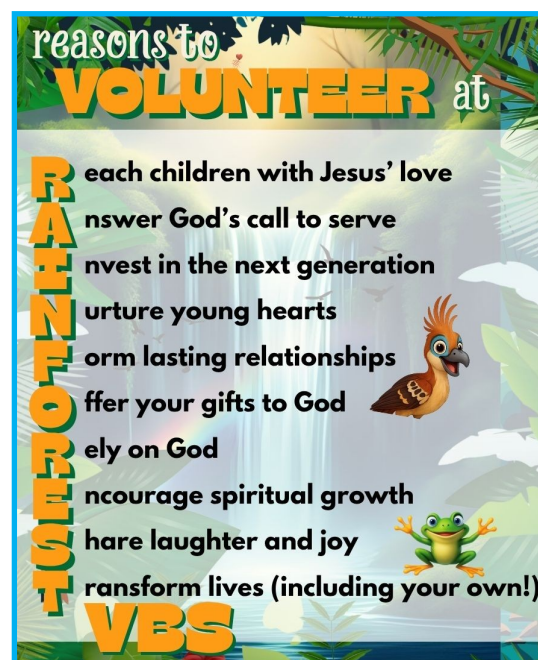
Happy Birthday!

Tom Hallin	7/5
James Hofert	7/5
*Charles Thompson	7/6
*Paige Leaming	7/7
Twila Rowe	7/7
Greg Minck	7/8
Susanne	
VanderStarre	7/8
Barbara Thomas	7/8
Oliver Hood	7/8
*Sherry Smith	7/9
Mavelyn Millard	7/9
Tom Nale	7/10

Happy Anniversary!

Bill & Nena Beynon	7/7
Ron & Jody Nowry	7/7
Ray & Sue Porsch	7/7
**Jim & Carmen Campbell	7/11
Karen & David Rohde	7/11

*** 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% 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)	COL Jessica D. Grasseti (Claudia Polzin's niece)	SGT Wesley Kennedy USMC - Ft. Myers, FL
PVT E2 Joshua Fowler, US Army, Columbus, GA (Joe & Sharon Doggett's grandson)	E4 Brian Guzman USAF - Colorado (Cesar Guzman's son)	CPT Tyler Olbrich US Army - South Carolina (friend of Karen Hiller)
	Staff SGT Jacob Guzman US Army-Ft. Campbell, KY (Cesar Guzman's son)	LCPL Michael Russell USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC (Heather Anderson's son)