



# 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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## August 17, 2025 — 10:00 am

### The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

### Family Led Worship

The flowers adorning the Chancel are donated by the Grider Family. Happy first week of school!

Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Education Ministry Team.

Join us at our Back to School Picnic and Ice Cream Social in the Student Center!

### Worship Participants

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow**, *Pastor*

**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*

**Jerry Grandey**, *Liturgist*

**Devon Grider**, *Youth Liturgist*

**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*

**The Chancel Choir**

**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*

**Youth Acolyte**: Evva Crown

**Greeters**: Joan Butler & Pat Gagliano

**Ushers**: Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Greg &  
Julie Borden, Sonja Cookson, Ben Hood, Lynn  
Thomas

**Youth Ushers**: Addison Acx, Lena Crown

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 82

<sup>1</sup> God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

<sup>2</sup> “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

<sup>3</sup> Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

<sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

<sup>5</sup> They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk around in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup> I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

<sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.”

<sup>8</sup> Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!

**Prelude:** “Dialogue”

Pierre DuMage (1674-1751)

### Announcements

### Passing of the Peace

#### \* The Call to Worship:

*God gives justice to the weak and the orphan;*

**God rescues the weak and the needy.**

*Blessed be the one, holy and living God,*

**Now and forever.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #457: “I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

TOULON

(Please sing verses 1 – 4 only)

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| 1. I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,<br>my only trust and Savior of my heart,<br>who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;<br>I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take. | 3. Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,<br>and all our substance and our strength<br>receive;<br>Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power.<br>And give us strength in every trying hour. |
| 2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,<br>reigning omnipotent in every place:<br>so come, O King, and our whole being sway;<br>shine on us with the light of thy pure day.   | 4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,<br>no harshness hast Thou and no bitterness:<br>O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,<br>That we may dwell in perfect unity.                  |

### Call to Confession

## **Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession**

**God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord. *(silence)* Amen.**

## **Affirmation of Forgiveness**

*Beloved, your sins are forgiven, for God is merciful and just. Therefore, be reconciled to the Lord and to one another, walking in the light of Christ.*

*In the name of 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 - Back to School Blessing & Teacher Commissioning**

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**

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

*<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not*

receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. <sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

Luke 12:49-56

<sup>49</sup> "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: "A Closer Look"**

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

### **\* The Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.**

### **Reception of New Member**

### **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: "When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise"**

Melody: KINGSFOLD

The Chancel Choir

When we are called to sing your praise with hearts so filled with pain That we would rather sit and weep  
or stand up to complain, Remind us, God, you understand the burdens that we bear; You, to, have walked  
the shadowed way and known our deep despair. When we are called to sing your praise and cannot find  
our voice, Because our losses leave us now no reason to rejoice, Remind us, God, that you accept our sad  
laments in prayer; You, too, have walked the shadowed way and known our deep despair. When we are  
called to sing your praise and life ahead looks grim, Still give us faith and hope enough to break forth in a  
hymn, A thankful hymn, great God of Love, That you are everywhere; You walk the shadowed way with  
us and keep us in your care.

**\* 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 #288: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

ELLACOMBE

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| <b>1. I sing the mighty power of God<br/>That made the mountains rise;<br/>That spread the flowing seas abroad<br/>And built the lofty skies.<br/>I sing the wisdom that ordained<br/>The sun to rule the day;<br/>The moon shines full at God's command,<br/>And all the stars obey.</b> | <b>Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,<br/>Where'er I turn my eyes;<br/>If I survey the ground I tread,<br/>Or gaze upon the skies!</b>  |
| <b>2. I sing the goodness of the Lord<br/>That filled the earth with food;<br/>God formed the creatures with a word<br/>And then pronounced them good.</b>  | <b>3. There's not a plant or flower below<br/>But makes Thy glories known;<br/>And clouds arise, and tempests blow,<br/>By order from Thy throne;<br/>While all that borrows life from Thee<br/>Is ever in Thy care,<br/>And everywhere that we can be,<br/>Thou, God, art present there.</b> |

**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*Christ walked in perfect faith*

**That we might follow in the way of peace.**

*Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**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: "Chaconne in D Minor"**

Louis Couperin "The Grand" (1626-1661)

*Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.*

**WELCOME OUR NEW  
MEMBER**

**Please take a moment to  
welcome the our newest  
member.**



**Louise Coront** is joining as a full time member by reaffirmation of faith. Louise has been attending Vanderbilt for many years and enjoys working with the Comfort Quilters and likes to make crafts.

**BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING**

**Sunday,  
August 17  
at 10am**

**God's  
got  
your  
back!**



**TEACHER COMMISSIONING**

**Sunday, August 17 at 10am**

**Teaching is my**  **+ Ministry**

**"Whatever you do,  
work at it with all your heart,  
as working for the Lord."**

- Colossians 3:23





**SCRIPTURE  
PASSAGES FOR NEXT  
WEEK**

**August 24, 2025**

**10:00 am**

**Sermon:**

"A Time to Rejoice"

**First Reading:**

Hebrews 12:18-29

**Gospel**

**Reading:**

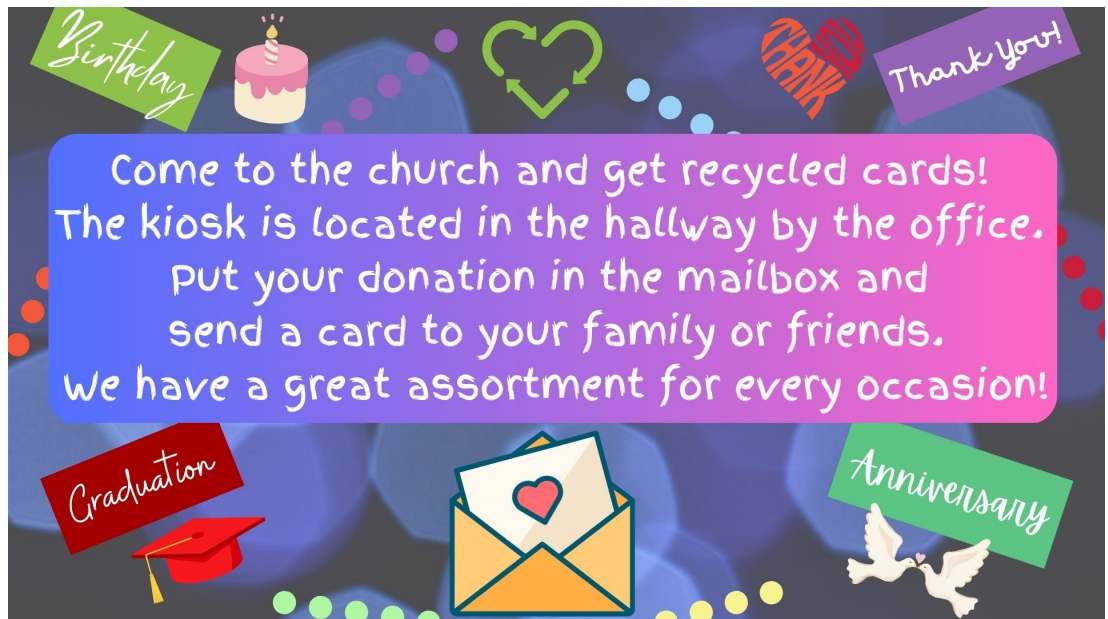
Luke 13:10-17

**REMINDERS FOR  
TODAY**

Due to the closure of Fellowship Hall, we have moved our Fellowship Hour to the Student Center. The letters of joys and concerns are on the long table in the Narthex.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

God gives us hope for the future. The Bible informs us that God has a good plan for our lives. This hope can keep us going even when things are tough. Stephen Ministers are trained to be good listeners and vessels of hope, Grief can derail the hope that God gives us. If you are feeling hopeless, Stephen Ministers are here to help.



## 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.

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|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| John Baird             | Annette Dietrich      | Doris Martin           | Dr. Lou Thompson           |
| Ronan Bann             | Keith Fern            | Jim Mikes              | Joe Trees                  |
| Chuck & Kristi Beattie | Martha Gates          | Vicki Mobley           | Yana and family in Ukraine |
| Trisha Gould Campion   | Lorna Giblin          | Donna Mullins          | Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen   |
| Adriana Caruso         | Lori Godwin           | Nancy Myers            | Anita & Bob Wade           |
| Dick Clark             | Joe Guzzo             | Ivana Novelli          | The Roger Walters Family   |
| Molly Cochran          | Jim & Mary Hart       | Audrey Olsen           | Diana Woodward             |
| Pat Colby              | Dave Jack             | Pocket Patterson       |                            |
| Bob & Jan Conrad       | June Johnson          | Twila Rowe             |                            |
| Dick Creviston         | Sandra Johnson        | Sam & Marilyn Schellar |                            |
| Andrea Daggett         | Carolyn Mackie        | Fred Schulz            |                            |
| Lillian Dansereau      | Sr. Markolette Madden | Pete Schwiers          |                            |

**PRAYER**  
*list*

### Happy Birthday!

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| John Paalman      | 8/17 |
| Brett Franklin    | 8/17 |
| David Walker      | 8/17 |
| *Mari-Bea Warnken | 8/19 |
| *Thomas Hurley    | 8/19 |
| *Carter Mikes     | 8/20 |
| Chuck Holley      | 8/20 |
| Barbara Elliott   | 8/21 |
| *Herb Newman      | 8/21 |
| Merle Wylie       | 8/22 |
| Ann Hoffman       | 8/23 |



**\* 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!

### Happy Anniversary!

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| Linda & Lee Burwinkel      | 8/18 |
| Thomas & Kay Hurley        | 8/19 |
| Dan & Dianne Westerlund    | 8/20 |
| Bruce & Roberta Hobbs      | 8/21 |
| Dianne & Bob Townsend      | 8/22 |
| **Nancy & Charles Thompson | 8/23 |
| Bruce & Wendy Baker        | 8/23 |



## 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](mailto: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. Grassetti**  
(Claudia Polzin's niece)  
**E4 Brian Guzman**  
USAF - Colorado  
(Cesar Guzman's son)  
**Staff SGT Jacob Guzman**  
US Army-Kuwait  
(Cesar Guzman's son)  
**SGT Wesley Kennedy**  
USMC - Ft. Myers, FL

**1st LT Tyler Olbrich**  
US Army - Iraq  
(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)