



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 24, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers adorning the Chancel are donated in loving memory of
my husband, Jack Ufheil, by Rosemary and family.

Fellowship Hour is sponsored in memory of loved ones by Nancy Guthy.

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

Greg Borden, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist

Virginia Garner Cullison, Violinist

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Ruth Wade

Ushers: Carol Lindsay (Head Usher),

Lew Bevan, Steve Blad, Joan Butler,

Sonja Cookson, Anne Smith

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-8

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

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

Prelude: Three Hymns: "O Master, Let me Walk with Thee", "Blessed Assurance", Traditional
"Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"
Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

The Lord will guide you continuously

And satisfy your needs in parched places;

You shall be like a watered garden, whose spring never fails.

With thanksgiving and praise,

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #356: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of justice and love, we confess to you and to each other that we have not offered food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted. We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame. We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interests. Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help. Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways, that we may be renewed like a garden freshly watered. (*silence*) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

In the waters of baptism we receive abundant mercy, flowing like a spring that never runs dry. Forgiven and freed, we are reconciled with God and with one another.

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

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 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said,

"I tremble with fear.")²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe,²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "A Time to Rejoice"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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: "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Peter Scholtes (1938-2009)

The Chancel Choir

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they 'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they 'll know we are Christians by our love. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. And together we 'll spread the news that God is in our land. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son, And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

*** 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 #525: "Here I am, Lord"**

HERE I AM

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| 1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send? | 2. I, the Lord, of snow and
rain, I have borne My
people's pain.
I have wept for love of
them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts
of stone, Give them
hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to
them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain) | 3. I, the Lord of wind and
flame, I will tend the
poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will
provide Till their hearts
be satisfied.
I will give My life to
them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain) |
| Refrain:
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart. | | |

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Go forth in faith,

Trusting in the God who heals every infirmity.

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: "The Rejoicing"

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

August 31, 2025 10:00 am

Sermon: "A Proper Banquet"

First Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

REMINDERS FOR TODAY

Due to the closure of Fellowship Hall, we have moved our Fellowship Hour to the Student Center.

Don't forget to sign the letters of joys and concerns which are found on the long table in the Narthex.





thank you

Because of your incredible generosity and support, we were able to distribute more than **435 backpacks** to local students from VPK to 12th grade. We made sure every student started the year feeling ready and supported. With all our gratitude, **Marifrans Estrada**, Mission Coordinator Mision Peniel



Stop by the office bulletin board to see the full letter from Mision Peniel.



CHURCH ON A
MISSION

Collier Harvest

Email Pete Rodino - pvrodino@aol.com
to volunteer!

Join us to pack bags of healthy food for our
hungry neighbors across Collier County.



Monday, August 25, 2025

4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)

4:45-6pm - bagging food

at 4451 Mercantile Ave.

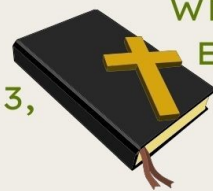


Pastor's Bible Study

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE UPCOMING
READINGS FOR WORSHIP.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO REFLECT ON
THE WORD OF GOD!

STARTING
SEPTEMBER 3,
2025

PSALM 119:105



WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS
AT 6PM
IN THE
LIBRARY

*'Your word is a lamp to
my feet and a light to my path.'*

GET
READY

You're invited!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church
Children & Youth Groups

STUDY SERVE PRAY PLAY

Every Other Wednesday
Starting September 10, 2025

YAY!



Volunteers from VPC are
scheduled to serve at

Misión Peniel on

September 12, 2025 at 1pm.

If you can help, please email

Karen Chappler at

kchappler@aol.com.

WE NEED YOU!
CAN YOU SPARE SOME
TIME TO SERVE OTHERS?



STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Bible can comfort us in many ways: remind us of God's love and faithfulness. It includes stories of God's love and faithfulness toward his people. These stories can remind us that God loves us and will never abandon us, no matter what we are going through. God works through Stephen Ministers to help restore faithfulness and hope in those who seek comfort.

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.

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



Happy Birthday!

*Lou Thompson	8/24	Kate Dillingham	8/29
Ginny Dieken	8/24	Sumera Yousaf	8/29
Cherry Jacobus	8/25	Eleanor Sarina	
Gina Truax	8/25	Hoppner	8/29
Quinn Lawrence	8/25	Tim Grove	8/29
*Gabrielle English	8/25	Al Teti	8/29
Sebastian Aguilar	8/26	*Pete Schwiers	8/30
Karen Lawrence	8/26	Barbara McElwaine	8/30



Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Laura Reardon	8/26
Don & Jan Fern	8/29

* **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!

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)
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)