



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 3, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers adorning the Chancel are donated in gratitude for my wonderful family by Gisela Yingst and in remembrance of Albert Starr, whose memory is a blessing to us all, by his loving family .

Join us in the Student Center for Fellowship Hour.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." - Matthew 18:20

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

Susie Hilton, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Barbara Hebert & Carol Lindsay

Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher),

Steve Blad, Julie Borden, Sonja Cookson,

Nancy Guthy, Anne Smith

Communion Servers: Janie Ballurio, Jan Fern,

Peggy Free, Jerry Grandey, Debbie Hamilton, Joe

Hodgson, Ben Hood, Carline Lobban, Tim

Riggers, Pete Schwiers, Jack & Ellen Tanner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 49:1-12

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

² both low and high, rich and poor together.

³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

⁷ Truly, no ransom avails for one's life; there is no price one can give to God for it.

⁸ For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice,

⁹ that one should live on forever and never see the Pit.

¹⁰ When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.

¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.

¹² Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

Prelude: "Here at Your Table, Lord"

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Sisters and brothers, we have been raised with Christ to new life.

We have been freed from every fear and granted every grace.

With songs of praise, let us worship God.

* Hymn #516: "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

O QUANTA QUALIA

1. Lord, we have come
at Your own invitation,
Chosen by You, to be counted Your friends;
Yours is the strength
that sustains dedication,
Ours a commitment we know never ends.

3. When, at Your table,
each time of returning,
Vows are renewed
and our courage restored;
May we increasingly glory in learning
All that it means to accept You as Lord.

2. Here, at your table,
confirm our intention,
Give it Your seal of forgiveness and grace;
Teach us to serve
without pride or pretension,
Lord, in Your kingdom, whatever our place.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life. We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed; we desire the very things that harm us. Forgive us, purify us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit, we ask in Jesus' name. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

If God is for us, who is against us?

In Jesus Christ you have been set free.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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

Colossians 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these, the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once

followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Foolish"

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: "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

African-American Spiritual

The Chancel Choir

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk with thee. Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares: Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

*** 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: Medley of Familiar Hymns

Julie Carver

Prayer after Communion

Giving God, living Lord, you have fed us with your body. You have poured out your life that we might live. We thank you, for we have tasted your goodness in this meal. Fed, we are strengthened; filled, we are renewed to share the abundance of your love with a hungry world. Amen.

*** Hymn #383: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

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1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!
2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!
3. While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll.
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Since you have been raised with Christ seek the things that are of God, and go forth to live lives worthy of your calling.

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: "Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

REMINDERS FOR TODAY

Due to the closure of Fellowship Hall, we have moved our Fellowship Hour to the Student Center on the West side of the campus. The sign-up sheets for the Blood Drive and the letters of joys and concerns are on the long table in the Narthex.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

August 10, 2025 10:00 am

Guest Preacher: Tom Grundstrom

Sermon: "Waiting for the Promise"

First Reading: Luke 12:32-40

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A.I.M. – Adventures In Membership

Are you interested in joining our church family?

Join us for worship and stay for a brief Q&A with Pastor Rob as we chat about Vanderbilt and what it means to be involved in the ministry of Christ's church.

*childcare provided

August 3, 2025 – 11:15am

Join us "Under the Spire!"



BACK TO SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE

Aug. 4: VLC Teachers Return

Aug. 7: Meet the Teacher

Aug. 11: First Day of School!

Aug. 17: Family Led Worship 10a
Back to School Blessing,
Teacher Commissioning & Picnic

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR VBS MISSION PROJECT: FILL THE TENT!



We filled the
tent with
school
supplies for
Mision Peniel
and Grace
Place!



Also, many
monetary
donations
were received
adding an
additional
\$1,580!



Weekend Power Pack!



Are you looking for a way to help children in our community? The Mission Team needs your monetary donations and your physical help at our first WPP packing party!

**Thursday, August 7 at 10:30am
in Harp Hall.**

To donate, go to vpcnaples.org -
click GIVE - note WPP.

Email Becky Wheat to volunteer:
sportbroad@comcast.net.

VPC

Summer Sunday School

Sundays, June 15 - September 8

Adult Education Opportunities

Summer 2025 Schedule

Summer Adult Education opportunities will include one class on Sunday mornings after worship and fellowship (11:45am-12:30pm) and the same class again on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.

Parables from the Gospel of Matthew

August 3: The Unforgiving Servant

Adult Education



**Tom Grundstrom,
Facilitator**



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.**



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." -

Psalm 23:4

These words are so familiar, but they exude comfort. God is always with us. Stephen Ministers are trained to offer God's comfort to grieving souls.



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	Jim Mikes	Jocelyn Stein
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Lori Godwin	Vicki Mobley	Dr. Lou Thompson
Trisha Gould Campion	Joe Guzzo	Donna Mullins	Joe Trees
Adriana Caruso	Jim & Mary Hart	Nancy Myers	Yana and family in Ukraine
Dick Clark	The Hurst & Bauer Families	The Neer Family	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Pat Colby	Dave Jack	Ivana Novelli	Anita & Bob Wade
Bob & Jan Conrad	June Johnson	Pocket Patterson	Diana Woodward
Dick Creviston	Sandra Johnson	Twila Rowe	
Andrea Daggett	Carolyn Mackie	Sam & Marilyn	
Keith Fern	Sr. Markolette Madden	Schellar	
Dan Gagliano	Doris Martin	Pete Schwiers	

PRAYER
list

Happy Birthday!

Jennifer Yousaf	8/3
Debbie Hamilton	8/3
*Kyle Paciello	8/4
Jan Fern	8/5
Ann Parker Foote	8/5
*Beth Marrow	8/5
Norman Parker	8/5
Ro Dill	8/6
Russ Thomas	8/7
*Gisela Yingst	8/8
Lance Waters	8/9
Dana Riashi	8/9

Happy Anniversary!

Donald & Joanna Throckmorton	8/4
Laura & Jeff Piipponen	8/4
John & Connie Weiss	8/7
Brent & Erin Klein	8/9

* **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!

Blood Drive

Sunday, August 10
9am-12pm
Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church
1225 Piper Blvd.
Naples, FL 34110
 Call to schedule a time
239-597-5410

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)