



# 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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**September 14, 2025 — 10:00 am**

### **The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost — Family Led Worship**

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in celebration  
of our 33rd wedding Anniversary by Ellen and Jack Tanner.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Education Ministry Team in celebration  
of Fall Education Kick-Off: Sowing Seeds of Faith.

#### **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**

**Karen Chappler, Liturgist**

**Lena Crown, Youth Liturgist**

**Julie Carver, Pianist**

**The Chancel Choir**

**Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician**

**Youth Acolyte:** Addison Acx

**Greeters:** Barbara Hebert & CC Waskey

**Youth Greeters:** Avery Acx & Evva Crown

**Ushers:** Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Steve Blad,  
Carol Lindsay, Anne Smith, Lynn Thomas,  
Jerry Warnken

**Youth Ushers:** Ayden & Olivia Carver

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 51:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Prelude:** "The Angelus"

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

### Announcements

### Passing of the Peace

#### \* The Call to Worship:

*Rejoice with me, people of God.*

**God has gathered us in from the wilderness.**

*Rejoice with me, people of God.*

**God has swept away the darkness of the night.**

*Rejoice with me, people of God.*

**Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #263: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like  
mountains, high soaring above

- Thy clouds, which are fountains  
of goodness and love.
3. To all, life Thou givest,  
to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
like leaves on the tree, Then wither and  
perish; but naught changeth Thee.

*Continued*

4. **Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight;**

**All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**

### **Call to Confession**

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

*O Lord, forgive your foolish people. We are skilled in doing evil, but we do not know how to do good.*

**Create in us a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within us.**

*In the folly of our hearts we live as though there is no God.*

**Create in us a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within us.**

*We forget all you have done for us, and make false idols to be our gods.*

**Create in us a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within us.**

*We act faithlessly, violently, and scorn your name.*

**Create in us a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within us.**

*(silence) Amen.*

#### **Affirmation of Forgiveness**

*The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*

*Hear the good news! In 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

1 Timothy 1:12-17

*<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

*<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: "We Were All Lost"**

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

## \* The Affirmation of Faith

From The Confession of 1967

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. 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: "You are the Light"

Tom Fettke (b. 1941)

The Chancel Choir

*(Scores donated by John Paalman in memory of Becky Paalman)*

You are the light we see. You are the Truth we know. You are the Life we live. You are the Hope, You are the Joy, You are the Song we sing. Living God, loving God, We glorify Your name. High and Holy One come down, We lift our hearts in praise. Prince of Peace, Immanuel. Jesus, Lord of Love. Within our hearts—Your light. Within our minds Your truth. Within our lives—Your love; Living Your hope, spreading Your joy, Singing Your beautiful song: Singing Your beautiful song. Your song.

## \* 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 #485: "To God be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**1. To God be the glory,  
great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world  
that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

### **Refrain:**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory:  
great things He hath done.**

**2. Great things He hath taught us,  
great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport,  
when Jesus we see. *Refrain***

**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*Go now in the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**He chose us for service and makes us faithful.**

*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 in F Major"**

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**September 21, 2025 10:00 am**

**Sermon: "Make a Wise Choice"**

**First Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13**

**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.

## Family Led Bible Study

**Who:** Whether you're a new parent, navigating the teen years or experiencing sending kids to college, all are welcome.

**When:** Family Led Worship Sundays at 11:30am

**Where:** Library

**Start Date:** Sunday, September 14

**Contact:** Heather Mikes

hmikes@vpcnaples.org

We hope you'll consider joining us for this time of encouragement, community, and spiritual growth. Let's walk this journey of parenthood together—rooted in God's truth and grace.

Childcare will be provided

## Fall Education Kick-Off: Sowing Seeds of Faith

EMBRACE THE CHANGE OF SEASON AS WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE GOD'S GENEROSITY AND SOW SEEDS OF FAITH TOGETHER.

**Family Led Worship**  
**Sunday, September 14, 2025**  
**10:00 am**



## Vanderbilt Children & Youth Groups and Learning Center Halloween Costume Drive



Bring in gently used or new costumes for children in need.

Help kids have an awesome Halloween!

All donations will benefit the Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

We will be collecting costumes through Sunday, September 28th.





## ARE YOU CALLED TO BE AN ELDER OR A DEACON?

In the Presbyterian tradition, becoming an Elder or Deacon is a process of discernment. The process typically starts with prayerful self-reflection and a sense that God is leading you toward a deeper level of service.

At VPC, Elders provide spiritual and governmental leadership and oversight for the congregation, while Deacons focus on a ministry of service, compassion, and practical assistance to the community.

You can discuss this calling with Pastor Rob or a Congregational Nominating Committee member: Steve Blad, Karen Chappler, Susie Hilton, Jan Fern, Priscilla Kutler, Price Lindsay, Jane Repp.

**Join us in serving God and our  
community at VPC!  
We need YOU!**

## Adult Education Opportunities

Fall 2025 Series - "Echoes of Wisdom: Ancient Truths for Modern Souls"

Tom Grundstrom, Facilitator

September 21/22	Overview and Themes of Job (Part I)
September 28/29	Overview and Themes of Job (Part II)
October 5/6	Overview and Themes of Psalms (Part I)
October 12/13	Overview and Themes of Psalms (Part II)
October 19/20	Overview and Themes of Psalms (Part III)
October 26/27	Overview and Themes of Proverbs (Part I)
November 3 (No Sun)	Overview and Themes of Proverbs (Part II)
November 9/10	Overview and Themes of Proverbs (Part III)
November 16/17	Overview and Themes of Ecclesiastes
November 24 (No Sun)	Overview and Themes of Song of Solomon

Zoom link for all classes:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/577628848?pwd=vtQbzSXglqgJZTa3kZaYpKJ6PMWSW.1>

**Friday, September 26, 2025  
9:00 am  
Leitner Park  
26724 Nomad Dr.  
Bonita Springs 34135**



Do you want to help our Mission Team spread the love of Christ?  
Join us as we serve a meal to our neighbors in Bonita!  
Donations of food and volunteers to serve are needed.



For information  
or to volunteer -  
email Eliza Nevin  
[elizanevin@comcast.net](mailto:elizanevin@comcast.net)

**DO YOU LIKE  
TO SING?  
JOIN THE  
CHANCEL  
CHOIR!**

OUR MID-WEEK REHEARSALS BEGIN ON  
SEPTEMBER 3RD. JOIN US ON  
WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM IN COCHRAN HALL.

QUESTIONS?  
EMAIL JIM AT [jcochrans@vpcnaples.org](mailto:jcochrans@vpcnaples.org).

*Pastor's Bible Study*

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

ALL ARE  
WELCOME  
TO ATTEND!

WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS  
AT 6PM  
IN THE  
LIBRARY

PSALM 119:105

**COME  
FOR  
DINNER**

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

for

**THE CHILI  
COOK-OFF**

Wednesday,  
October 22, 2025  
5:30pm  
in the  
Student Center

Bring your favorite  
batch of homemade  
chili and stay for  
Trunk or Treat at  
6:15pm!

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**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

for

**TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT**

Wednesday,  
October 22, 2025  
6:15-7:00 pm

**FALL  
FAMILY  
FUN!**

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## 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	Annette Dietrich	Marta	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
Ronan Bann	Jill Dunn	Eugene McGuigan	Fred Schulz
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Dan Gagliano	Sr. Markolette Madden	Pete Schwiars
Joan Butler	Jennee Garrett	Doris Martin	The Teti Family
Trisha Gould Champion	Martha Gates	Donna Mullins	Dr. Lou Thompson
Adriana Caruso	Lorna Giblin	Nancy Myers	Joe Trees
Pat Colby	Jim & Mary Hart	Sue Norbeck	Yana and family in Ukraine
Bob & Jan Conrad	Denise Hughes	Ivana Novelli	Bill Van Fossen
Sonja Cookson	June Johnson	Audrey Olsen	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Dick Creviston	Sandra Johnson	Pocket Patterson	Anita & Bob Wade
Nellie Cummins	Marie Laucella	Leslie Ramsey	Diana Woodward
Lillian Dansereau	Carolyn Mackie	Twila Rowe	

### Happy Birthday!

Jonas Rockhold	9/14
Emilia Lawrence	9/15
*Peggy Paulsen	9/17
Marie Walton	9/17
Martha Fligg	9/19
Brooke Vayda	9/19
Christine Rockhold	9/19
Sandra Johnson	9/20
*Jim Reed	9/20

### Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

**\* 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!

### IN SYMPATHY

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Al Teti** on September 5, 2025 at the age of 87. Al and his wife, Linda, have been members of Vanderbilt for over 4 years. Please keep his family, especially Linda, in your prayers during this difficult time. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 27 at 10:30am at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.*

Cards may be sent to:

Linda Teti  
470 Palo Verde Dr.  
Naples, FL 34119

## 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)