



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 21, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in celebration of our Steve Acx's 55th birthday by his loving family.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Grider Family in celebration of Fall.

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*
Bill Payne, *Liturgist*

Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher),
Ron & Linda Addaman, Henry Gaylord,
Nancy Guthy, Ben Hood

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 113

- ¹ Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.
² Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.
³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.
⁴ The LORD is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.
⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,
⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
⁸ to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

Prelude: Two Pieces: No. 1 "Air," No. 2 "Gavotte"

Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.**

*From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.**

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #280: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AMAZING GRACE

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| 1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see. | 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home. |
| 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed! | 4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures. |
| 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come; | 5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun. |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Our loving God desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 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 2:1-7

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all — this

was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Make a Wise Choice"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

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. Amen.

Reception of New Members

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: "Praise Ye The Lord!"

J. Jefferson Cleveland (1937-1986)

The Chancel Choir

(Text can be found on page 258 of The Hymnal.)

*** 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 #478: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

LAUDA ANIMA

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| 1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King. | 3. Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows. |
| 2. Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness. | 4. Angels, help us to adore Him:
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace. |

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Lead a life of peacefulness, godliness and dignity,

We will seek what is good and acceptable and right in the sight of God our Savior.

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: "A Short Voluntary"

John Worgan (1724-1790)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

September 28, 2025 10:00 am

Sermon: "Open Your Eyes and See"

First Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

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.

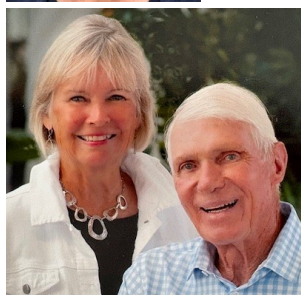
WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Catherine Brown joined as a full time member by reaffirmation of faith. She hails from Canfield, Ohio and is a teacher and a member of the United States Coast Guard Reserves. She looks forward to getting involved in the handbell choir at VPC. In her spare time, she likes to read, run, play tennis and paint. She is joining the church along with her mother, Susan.



Susan Brown joined as a full time member by reaffirmation of faith. Susan raised her son, William, and daughter, Catherine, while living in Youngstown, Ohio. She worked as the Finance Director of the Youngstown Area Goodwill and is an avid volunteer. She was involved at Canfield Presbyterian as a Deacon, and served on the finance and audit committees. She is excited to be a part of the VPC family.



Nancy & Ben Buchanan joined as full time members by reaffirmation of faith. They have a son and daughter and five grandsons. Nancy is a retired Kindergarten & First Grade teacher originally from Ohio. She and Ben lived in St. Louis for 50 years. Nancy has served as a Deacon in her previous church and Ben was involved with the Boy Scouts. They look forward to becoming a part of the VPC family.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

- **Sunday, September 28** - final day to bring a costume or make a donation for the Halloween Costume Drive benefiting the Shelter for Abused Women & Children.
- **Wednesday, October 22** - 5:30pm - The Chili Cook-Off & 6:15-7:00pm - Trunk or Treat - both in the Student Center and the West Parking Lot.



WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Alleluia Choir

5pm - Meet Dr. Jim in the Sanctuary

ALLELUIA CHOIR

Wednesday Night Lights

5:30pm - Dinner in the Student Center

6pm - Activities and **7pm** - Pick up

SUNDAES ON WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
SEPTEMBER 24
5:30PM

ADULTS

Pastor's Bible Study

6pm - Meet Pastor Rob in the Library

Pastor's Bible Study

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

Chancel Choir

7pm - Come and sing in Cochran Hall

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

*There is something for everyone at
VPC on Wednesday nights! Consider
coming and finding your place
"Under the Spire!"*

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE AN ELDER OR A DEACON?



Go to vpc-naples.org/church-leadership to fill out a form.
We need you!

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.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

"Echoes of Wisdom:

Ancient Truths for Modern Souls"

Tom Grundstrom, Facilitator

Sunday, September 21 at 11:30am - Harp Hall

or **Monday, September 22 at 6:30pm** - Library

Overview and Themes of Job (Part I)

Check the Week at a Glance for the Zoom link.

Friends in Faith

Wednesday, October 8 at 10am - Harp Hall

This season we are studying "Fruit of the Spirit" by Hazel Offner. Pick up your copy at the office for \$10.

Questions? lafolliard@gmail.com

MISSION

Café of Life - Friday, September 26 at 9am

Leitner Park - 26724 Nomad Dr. - Bonita Springs

Contact: elizanevin@comcast.net

Collier Harvest - Monday, September 29 at 4pm

4451 Mercantile Ave - Naples

Contact: pyrodino@aol.com

Weekend Power Pack - Thursday, October 2 at

10:30am in Harp Hall

Donate: vpcnaples.org - GIVE - Mission - note WPP

Contact: sportbroad@comcast.net

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

Happy Birthday!

*Steve Acx	9/21	*Peggy Landon	9/26
Margaret Horstman	9/21	Stan Leonard	9/26
John Millard	9/22	Ann Lienemann	9/26
*Nena Beynon	9/24	Mary Ann Portman	9/26
*Max Borden	9/24	Rachel Heimberger	9/27
*Julie Borden	9/25		

Happy Anniversary!

Merle & Sharon Wylie	9/22
Bill & Mary Ann Koppelkam	9/27



* **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)