

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 6, 2026—10:00 am — The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The flowers on the Chancel are given in celebration of our 34th anniversary on September 12 by Jack & Ellen Tanner.

Fellowship Hour is sponsored in loving memory of Bob Diederich by his daughter, Nancy.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
James Cochran, *Director of Music Emeritus*
Julie Carver, *Organist & Pianist*
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*
Brooke Vayda, *Children's Moment*
Janie Ballurio, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Dick Clark & Jane Higdon
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head Ushers), Steve Blad, Sonja Cookson, Ben Hood, Lynn Thomas
Communion Servers: Janie Ballurio, Jeff Berger, Joan Butler, Karen Chappler, Peggy Free, Henry Gaylord, Jerry Grandey, Barbara Hebert, Joyce Hickmon, Joe Hodgson, Ben Hood, Linda Teti

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 119:33-40

- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.
³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.
³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain.
³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; be gracious to me according to your word.
³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.
³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.
⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

Prelude: "Prelude on HYFRYDOL"

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees;
in your righteousness be gracious to me.
Let us worship God!*

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

LAUDA ANIMA

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We've made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

By the grace of God, our sins 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

Brooke Vayda

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

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near.

Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Being Community"

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: "Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed"

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

The Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Schweizer

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy flesh is life indeed. Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice. And ever may our souls be fed with this wine and living bread. Lord, thy wounds our healing give, to thy cross we look and live. Day by day with strength supplied through the life of him who died. Jesus may we always be ever, only, all for thee.

*** 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: Improvisation

Julie Carver

Prayer after Communion

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*** Hymn #464: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

HYMN TO JOY

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

*** Commission and Blessing**

Remember this: owe no one anything, except to love one another.

By doing this, God's whole law is fulfilled.

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: "Partita on HYMN TO JOY—V: Fughetta and Finale"

John R. Bark

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

September 13, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.—Fall Education Kick Off & Family Led Worship

Sermon: "We are Accountable"

First Reading: Romans 14:1-12 & **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 18:21-35

Pray for Flood Victims

Central Indiana was hit with catastrophic flooding causing widespread power outages, damage and at least seven deaths.

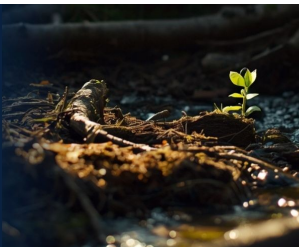
The Nepal-Tibet border was devastated by flash floods with hundreds of deaths and thousands of people who are missing.

Pray for everyone affected by these natural disasters and please consider donating to VPC and notating PDA in the memo. We are working with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support those in need.



Rooted & Ready

Growing Together As God's Family



ARE YOU ROOTED AND READY?

CHECK OUT OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT OFFERINGS!

Beginning September 9, 2026

Alleluia Choir for children & youth
5-5:30pm—Sanctuary *every other week

Wednesday Night Lights for children & youth
5:30-6pm: Dinner

6-7pm: Study/Serve/Pray

7-7:15pm: Play & Pick Up

Student Center *every other week

Pastor's Bible Study for all ages
6-7pm—Library **weekly

Chancel Choir for adults
7pm—Cochran Hall **weekly

REMINDERS

The Deacon's Sunday Letters are in the Narthex for your participation.
The church office and Learning Center will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

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 27th.



FALL EDUCATION SERIES: PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR

Supporting Emotional Development, Health and Wellness With Jamie Crossan-Debres, LCSW, QS
Director at Community Health Partners
specializes in treating adults, first responders, families and children of all ages

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church - Harp Hall
6:00 p.m. Seminar | 7:00 p.m. Q&A



Childcare available upon request Scan the QR Code or Call the Church office to Register: 239.597.5410

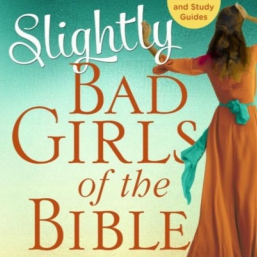
LIZ CURTIS HIGGS
One Million Sold in the Series!

Sundays after worship in Harp Hall
11:30am - 12:15pm

Starting October 4, 2026

Jane Higdon, Facilitator
higdonjb@msn.com

We will learn about Sarai, Hagar, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel and what their flawed lives can teach us about sin and goodness.



Adult Education



Sign up in the Narthex - Order your book on Amazon

JOIN US FOR THIS BOOK STUDY

CHAMBER MUSIC FREE CONCERT

22 SEPTEMBER TUESDAY
Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church
7:00 PM



To obtain your free tickets go to
www.artisnaples.org

FRIENDS IN FAITH

10:00-11:30am
October 21, 2026

Questions?
Lois Ann Folliard
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*United Through Christ,
Bound to Each Other*
Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

By Rhonda Manhood Lee
Suggestions for Leaders by Sarah Lee



Help us help others by
serving this important
mission!

Friday, September 11 at 1pm

**We carpool from the church
returning around 7pm**

Email Karen Chappler
kchappler@aol.com



Join Us!

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. Prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for 30 days.

PRAYER list

Justin Aquino & Family	Margaret Horstman	Peggy Paulsen
Ridley Baird & Family	Sandra Johnson	Marsha Reed
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Ana Koch	Pat Rogge
Peg Black	Justin Loeffler	Twila Rowe
Adriana Caruso	Kenneth Loeffler	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
Tom Clark	Carolyn Mackie	Bill Shouldice
Yvonne Corbin	Sr. Markolette Madden	Mary Jane Stoner
Ron Davis	Bob & Doris Martin	Kara Subleska
Joyce Dersch	Sarah Martyniak	Larry Tatum
Pat Gould	Paul J. Moore	Barbara Thomas
Jim & Mary Hart	Sally Muir	Yana & family in Ukraine
	David Nale	Yvonne Van Rooyen
	Ivana Novelli	Alexis Williams
	Audrey Olsen	

Extended Communion for Homebound Congregants

If you are unable to attend church and would like to receive communion at home, please call the office at 239-597-5410.

Our Deacon's will arrange a time to deliver communion to you at home.

Sharing God's love!

Happy Birthday!

Cliff Voss	9/6
Grant Lennertz	9/7
*Penny O'Kelley	9/7
Judy Istock	9/8
Susan Hallin	9/8
Joan Harter	9/8
Suzanne Sullivan	9/9
*Marsha Reed	9/10
*Debra Bevilacqua	9/11
Paul Rowley	9/12

SEPTEMBER

Happy Anniversary!

**Chris & Andrea Paciello	9/6
Fred & Barbara Minter	9/7
Don & Greta Corcoran	9/9
John & Anna Maria Miles	9/10
**Jack & Ellen Tanner	9/12
Scott & Claudia Cunningham	9/12

* 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% for Youth & 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)

E4 Brian Guzman
USAF - Colorado
(Cesar Guzman's son)
Staff SGT Jacob Guzman
US Army-Ft. Campbell, KY
(Cesar Guzman's son)
SGT Wesley Kennedy
USMC - Ft. Myers, FL

CPT Tyler Olbrich
US Army - South Carolina
(friend of Karen Hiller)
LCPL Michael Russell
USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC
(Heather Anderson's son)