



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 7, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored in loving memory
of my husband, Paul Peabody. Love, Judy.

The flowers adorning the Chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored
in celebration of Penny O'Kelley's 50th birthday by her loving family.

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

Brooke Vayda, Children's Moment

Janie Ballurio, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Ann Grundstrom & Carol Lindsay

Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head
Ushers), Joan Butler, Sonja Cookson, Henry
Gaylord. Gwen Salyer

Communion Servers: Janie Ballurio, Jeff Berger,
Jan Fern, Peggy Free, Debbie Hamilton, Barbara
Hebert, Joe Hodgson, Ben Hood, Carline Lobban,
Tim Riggers, Pete Schwiers, Ellen & Jack Tanner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

² but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Prelude: "Voluntary in C Major "

John Stanley (1712-1786)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Happy are those who delight in the Word of God.

They are like tress planted by streams of water,

Yielding their fruit in season

And they will flourish.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #371: "Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world
adore His sacred name.**

**1. Come, Christians,
follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious,
Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

**2. Each newborn servant
of the Crucified**

**Bears on the brow
the seal of Christ who died. *Refrain***

**3. O Lord, once lifted
on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us
life eternally. *Refrain***

**4. So shall our song
of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified
for victory. *Refrain***

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give. (silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Beloved, your sins are forgiven. Therefore be at peace to follow the good road, for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

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

Philemon 1:1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart,

back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: “Finishing Well”

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: "With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

The Chancel Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

*** 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

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn #339: "Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
3. Be Thou my wisdom,
and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

* Commission and Blessing:

God challenges us to reflect His love in both neighbor and stranger.

We will strive to love all with the purity of God.

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: "Voluntary in D Major "

Stanley

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

September 14, 2025 10:00 am

Sermon: "We Were All Lost"

First Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

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.

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

September 7 - 11:15am



**Volunteers from VPC are
scheduled to serve at
Mision 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?





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.



Mark your calendar!
Join us for Trunk or Treat
on October 22nd.

THE ALLELUIA CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

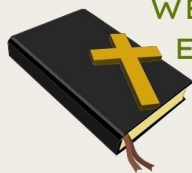
Alleluia Choir will rehearse
on Wednesdays with
Dr. Jim in the Sanctuary
from 5-5:30pm.

Join us! - **September 10th!**

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!



PSALM 119:105

WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS
AT 6PM
IN THE
LIBRARY

Wednesday Night Lights Kick Off!!

TEAMWORK!

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

5:30PM - DINNER - STUDENT CENTER

6PM - CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

7PM - PICK UP

"JUST AS A BODY, THOUGH ONE, HAS MANY PARTS, BUT ALL
ITS MANY PARTS FORM ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST."
-1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

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

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 jcochrane@vpcnaples.org.

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

PRAYER
list

Happy Birthday!

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
Martha Gates	9/13
Gillian Raymond	9/13

Happy Anniversary!

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
Reid & Susie Lennertz	9/13



* **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)