

# Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church



“God Can Do It: We Can Help”



“Freely you have received, freely give.”

-Matthew 10:8



**2026**  
**ANNUAL**  
**STEWARDSHIP**

## Help us make a difference in 2026.

Stewardship occurs in many ways and when done selflessly, it honors the giver, the receiver, and most importantly, God. Jesus' ministry was defined by the transformational ways he gave of himself. Each year Vanderbilt seeks pledges to fund 100% of our operating budget for the coming year that allows us to live into our mission and ministries. Join us as we continue to *Freely Give to God* to make a difference within and beyond our walls. When you support our church financially, dollars become ministry and through ministry we know that God changes lives,

## Why Pledge?

When you make a pledge, you're not just estimating your giving for the year ahead - you're making a commitment to support your faith community in all its endeavors. Your pledge helps to better plan funding for everything from the salaries of our staff to our worship, education programs, music, and facilities. But pledging is also a way to transform your giving into a spiritual practice. By making a commitment to God and your church, you're making giving a regular part of your spiritual life, just like attending worship, praying, studying, and serving others in need. So consider making a pledge today, and help us continue to make God's love visible.

## Giving is not just about making a donation, its about making a difference.

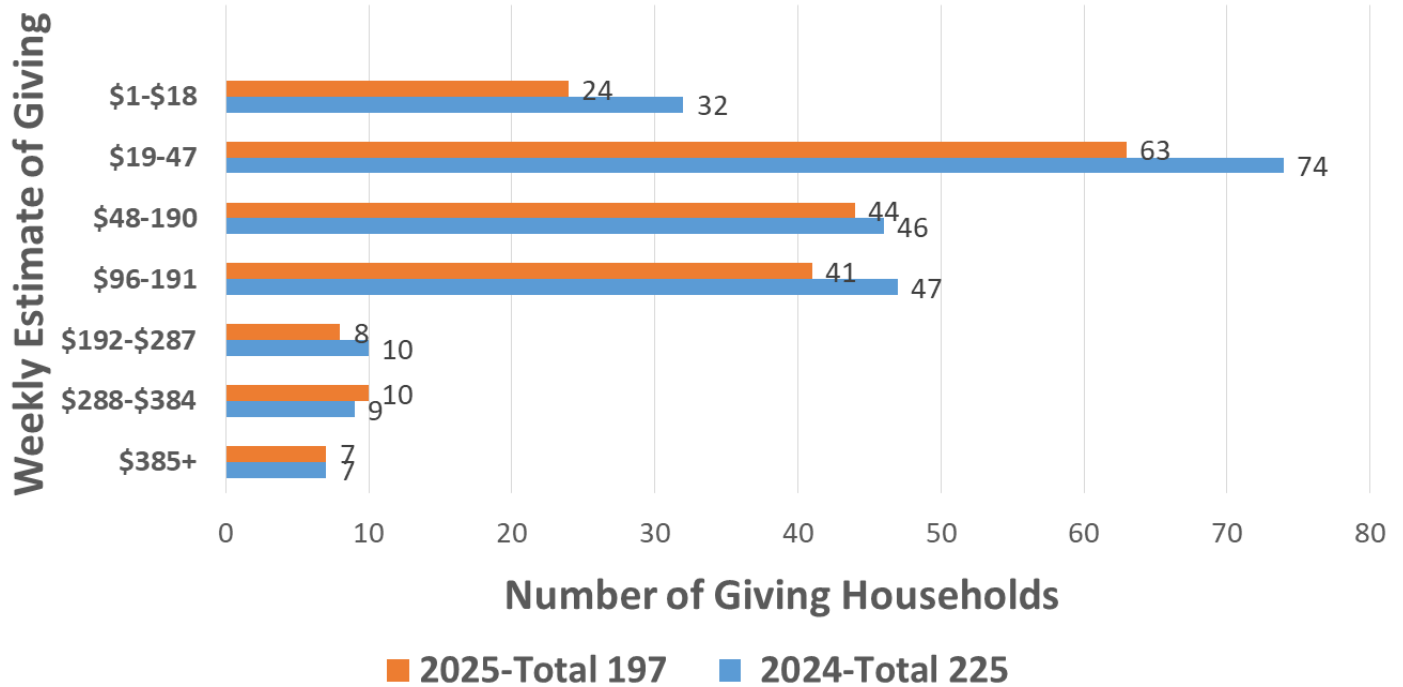
Your generosity and commitment will allow us to meet our ongoing operating expenses, grow our church family, and secure our future. Giving together, we can ensure we do not have to unnecessarily limit the ways we live our ministry in the community we call home.

## Your stewardship pledge in 2026 is an intentional act of proactively making a difference which will:

- Continue offering abundant worship, music, and ministry experiences.
- Expand and future-plan for our thriving Children & Youth Ministries.
- Increase opportunities for Adult Education offerings.
- Increase community engagement.
- Invite world-renowned guests to speak, teach, and preach.
- Make further investments in our gifted clergy and staff team.
- Increase administrative and needed capital resources for our growing community.

## A Concerning Trend — Fewer Giving Units at almost every level of Giving.

### Estimate of Giving Comparison



**God can do it: We can help...**  
**By prayerfully considering your Giving Level and Pledge.**

### ANNUALLY



**2023**

Participation: 56%  
 Homes Pledged: 216  
 Average Pledge: \$4,212  
 Total Pledged: \$903,438



**2024**

Participation: 61%  
 Homes Pledged: 225  
 Average Pledge: \$4,456  
 Total Pledged: \$1,002,536



**2025**

Participation: 49%  
 Homes Pledged: 197  
 Average Pledge: \$4,865  
 Total Pledged: \$958,363



**2026**

Participation: 65%  
 Pledge Goal:  
**\$1,200,000**



**Reflect**

Pray about how the Spirit may be calling you to generously continue to make a difference within and beyond our walls.



**Respond**

Complete the Pledge Card(s) provided or make an online commitment that you can fulfill anytime during 2026.



**Rejoice**

Bring your completed Pledge Card to church on or before Sunday, **November 16, 2025**, Dedication Sunday.



Almighty God,

Your word tells us that our lives do not consist in the abundance of our own possessions, but rather in the abundance that is you. We thank you, Lord, for all the ways in which you have blessed us, in all the ways you've freely given us gifts. You have done wondrous things in our community, and you are still not done!

Guide us in this season as we prepare and plan our church budget for next year. We pray for a clear vision and abundant provision. We pray for courage in our dreaming, wisdom in our planning, and hope amidst the unknown. We know that giving freely is not easy, but it is what you have called us to do. May we live into that truth.

Help us to trust you in this season with our time, our resources, and our commitments. Help us to give with freedom. Not only for us, Lord, but for the glory of your name. Teach us to follow your ways so that we might teach the future generations and show us your generous gifts so that we might respond the same.

Amen

*Please set up or update your recurring and online giving amount on January 1, 2026.*  
Submit your 2026 Pledge Card online: [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org) - click the stewardship box.



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