



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 1, 2019

10:00 am | Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Vanderbilt! We rejoice that you are here to worship God with us. Nursery care is available for children in kindergarten and under. Worship bags and sermon notes are also available in the Narthex for children to use during the Worship service. Please ask an usher if assistance is needed. If you would like to share a joy or concern, please write it on a yellow card. We will collect these cards with the offering. As a courtesy to others, please remember to turn off cell phones during the service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, at whose banquet table we feast every day of our lives, feed us now with your glorious presence and with your Word that humbles us, even as we are lifted up to heights we could not have imagined. Amen

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Thee We Adore"

Dale Wood

The Tolling of the Bells

Welcome: Please take a minute to sign the green friendship pads found in each pew. Then note the names of those seated near you, so you can greet each other by name. The "*" in the bulletin indicates the congregation 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 the words in bold print.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Call To Worship

Sing to God, our strength; cry out to God, our helper.

God offers us living water and fills our mouths with good things.

Hear the Word of God and submit to God's will.

We will share eagerly in the work God gives us to do.

Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn # 516

"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

O QUANTA QUALIA

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, we are frightened for there are evil tidings all around us. We do not count on your help and we seek assistance elsewhere. We cannot hear your voice or sense your presence. There is a void in us that things cannot satisfy. We have reached for honors and recognition, but they provide no lasting fulfillment. Forgive our mistaken priorities and draw us to you, the source of living water.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri # 579

GREATOREX

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!

*Passing of the Peace

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Rev. Rob Marrow

We welcome and celebrate the presence of children in worship: reserved chairs are available for them in the front with front row pews on both sides for their families, at the 10:00am worship service. Baptized children are invited to receive communion with their parents.

Please Join us in song :

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.

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 2:4 - 13

(Pew Bible Pg. 699 OT)

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

(Pew Bible Pg. 74 NT)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“Radical Hospitality”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

“Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed”

Fauré, arr. Liebergen

***Doxology # 592**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The 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 by Intinction *(Gluten-free bread is available upon request)*

Communion Music:

Familiar Hymns

(Please feel free to hum quietly if you know the hymns.)

Prayer after Communion *(Unison)*

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

***Hymn #509**

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

CROSS OF JESUS

*Commission & Blessing

Go forth as humble servants of our Almighty God.

We are privileged to share God's bounty.

God, who blesses your worship will bless your service.

How good it is to walk in the ways God leads us!

Alleluia!

Amen!

Congregational Response

“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.

SENDING FORTH

Postlude:

Voluntary in D Major

William Boyce

Worshippers are invited to remain seated and listen to the Postlude or exit quietly to the Narthex and Fellowship Hall to greet and converse with one another.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Lou Thompson, *Parish Associate & Liturgist*

Dr. James Cochran, *Director of Music, playing the Richard and Patricia Fors Organ to the Glory of God and in honor of James Cochran, organist.*

The Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tom Hurley, Karen Chappler, Sue and Bill Van Fossen, Jerry Warnken, Barbara Hurst, Elaine Hinkle, Dianne Westerlund

Communion Servers: Bill Koppelkam, Mary Koppelkam, Pete Rodino, Becky Wheat, Nancy Guthy, Suzanne Zelinka, Bill Van Fossen, Sue Van Fossen, Toni Keefer, Mary Thomson.

The flowers on the Chancel have been donated by members and friends of the congregation in honor and loving memory of friends and family.

This week's flowers are In Honor of my best friend, my sister, Joan Elliott from Ron Sieling.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sunday, September 8, 2019

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Time: 10am

Music - Prayers - Scripture

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

(Jeremiah 18:1-11/Luke 14:25-33)

VPC News

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Vanderbilt offers two fellowship opportunities following worship so people can relax, mingle, and catch up with friends new and old. Each opportunity is sponsored by either a group/ministry team or family from the congregation – they provide some snacks.

Fellowship Hall: Thank you to the Social Justice team for sponsoring today's treats in Fellowship Hall. The Parish Life Ministry Team provides setup, decorations and beverages, which are typically coffee (regular and decaf), hot tea and water.

Youth Center (west end of our building): Thank you to The Mikes Family for sponsoring today's goodies in the Youth Center. Families with young children specially enjoy this time together in the relaxed atmosphere of the Youth Center.

ALLELUIA CHOIR

This Week we begin Alleluia Choir! **September 4th, 5:30 – 6:15** we will meet to talk about schedules for the year, performances, and sing/ring some fun songs. Please plan ahead to sing at the 3 p.m. Christmas Eve service. YOU have become a TRADITION here at Vanderbilt; a tradition we are proud of and want to keep going! Please contact : 592 – 5398 for ALL communications this year.

ARTIS -- NAPLES CHAMBER MUSIC

Friday, Sept 6, 2:00 PM VPC is proud to host The Naples Philharmonic Chamber Musicians. This free concert includes : Mozart - Duo for Violin and Viola in G Major; Farkas - Five Antique Hungarian Dances Beethoven - String Quartet in E-flat Major, "Harp". Reserve your tickets beginning August 29 online at artisnaples.org or by calling 239-597-1900.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sunday, September 8th Following worship a new member orientation will be led by Pastor Rob Marrow. Let's get to know each other. During this time we will answer your questions becoming a VPC Presbyterian. Please call the church office to register: 239-597-5410.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS

Its Back to School time! Sunday school begins on **September 8th**. Children will be dismissed after the Children's moment to their classrooms. Call the church office if you have any questions or would like to volunteer with this program.

SOUNDBOARD

We are delighted to note that Caroline Halliwell has volunteered to take on the responsibility of the coordination of our Sound Board. We want to provide the best experience possible for all of the individuals that attend our services and programs; so if you have any issues with the sound in the sanctuary or narthex – please contact Caroline. Her email is cchalliwell@outlook.com; or text or call her at 239-478-0046. Your worship, music and liturgical arts committee.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

The Congregational Nominating Committee has called for a meeting of the congregation on September 15, 2019 for the purpose of electing officers to fill unexpired terms. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary around 11:00 AM immediately following the 10:00 AM service.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY BBQ

Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte is hosting a BBQ on Saturday, Sept 14, for all congregants. Presbytery called meeting begins 10 am, Worship at 11:00 am. Food and games to follow worship. RSVP Alesia by Sept 5th 941-426-8421. The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. You may also contact our office to sign up for carpool.

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SAFETY TEAM ESTABLISHED

VPC is committed to keeping our campus safe. The first Safety Team meeting was held this week. The motto is "Safe. Secure. Aware." Psalm 16:1 "Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge."

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we focus on Paul's First letter to the Corinthians.

Why should you be interested in learning more about Paul's challenging letter?

1. It is a window into the pagan world shortly after Christ's death.
2. It contains helpful insights about church division and leadership.
3. It is a focused guide dealing with crucial issues of faith! A study guide, authored by N. T. Wright is available for \$8. We will meet in Harp Hall and the time will change to 10:45 am, October 13th. Let Jon White know if you will be joining us for this journey, 254-0324 or whitej987@cs.com.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS? This study begins Oct. 6 at 11 a.m. This class will explore what are our values regarding current news items that confront us daily i.e.: racism, abortion, sexual promiscuity, homosexuality, crime and capital punishment. Is there a base Christian ethic that we live by in these situations? And, can we apply this base to how we function as a Christian Congregation in the midst of North Naples. This brief course will be led by Dr. Thompson with the assistance of Finley Lee. Finley has taught business ethics on the Masters level and will share his insights working with graduates in business. Our source books will be: "Christian Ethics: and Essential Guide" by Robin Lovin, "Christian Ethics: Four Views" by Steve Wilkens, and "Christian Ethics in Plain Language" by Kerby Anderson. The Anderson book will be our basic text. Sign up sheet will be out on Sept. 15, in the conference room; cost for the book will be \$10.00.

STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?

Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life! To find out more, talk with one of our Stephen Leader Referral Coordinators: Talk with, or email one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 (dsherman249@gmail.com) or Jill Peterson at 239-597-7440 (petersji72@gmail.com). Stephen Ministers are there to care!

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) seeks your help in nominating church officers – Elders, Deacons, Youth Deacons, and members-at-large to the CNC. All nominees must be "Active" versus "Affiliate" members of VPC, be persons of strong faith, active in the life of our congregation, encourage and participate in the Church's mission in the world, and possess the necessary gifts and abilities for the position to which they are called. **Elders** – persons of dedication and sound judgment who can exercise leadership, strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation, and encourage people in the worship and service of God. **Deacons/Youth Deacons** – persons of brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment who can minister to those in need, to the sick, to any in distress. (Youth Deacons serve one-year terms.) **CNC Members-at-Large** – persons with a broad knowledge of our membership that enables them to select church officer and CNC nominees.

You may **submit your suggestions** by filling out one of the green nomination forms available in the Narthex, then placing it in the Officer Nomination Box also located in the Narthex. Self-nominations are welcomed and encouraged. If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please be certain that individual is willing to serve.

2019 Weekly Attendance :

Aug 25 290

YTD Average 429

Financial Update - Operating Fund

Deo Gloria Mortgage Balance at July 2019: \$1,802,365

	July	Year to Date	Budget YTD
Operating Income	\$82,252	\$850,539	\$809,000
Operating Expenses	\$101,727	\$678,665	\$697,100

Please Pray for the men and women serving our country.

If you have a relative or friend in the military, please let the Church have their name/address. We think it is important to keep in contact with those who serve our country. Thank you.

ENSIGN Francis Alvares

US Navy, Pensacola, FL
(Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)

MSgt Kristopher Chesslo

USAF
(Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)

CPTN Sterling W. Dawley

US Navy, Pacific Fleet
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's son)

ENSIGN Wyatt R. Dawley

US Navy Intel
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)

LT Col. Jessica D. Grassetti

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

LT Adam Endrelunas

US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines son-in-law)

CPTN Allen Fujinaka

US Army
(LaVerne Perrollaz grandson)

Christian Kurz

US Navy, USS Nitze
(Joyce Geary great nephew)

CPTN Jennifer Giles

USMC, Philippines
(Mary Giles granddaughter)

CPTN Jeremy Giles

US Army Special Forces,
Ft. Bragg, NC

(Mary Giles grandson)

MAJ Robert Gruber, USMC

LT CDR Marjorie Gruber, US Navy
Camp Pendleton, CA
(Bob Gruber & Marion Johnson's son &
daughter in law)

LT Michelle Lea

US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines daughter in law)

LT Kevin McCormick

US Army - USA
(Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)

Austin Schwartz

USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA
(Patricia Schwartz's grandson)

Marshall Shepherd

US Navy
(Family of John & Roberta McMaster)

MAJ Matthew Smith,

USMC, Kuwait
(Son of Linda Smith)

EM Xzavier Whitaker

US Navy
(John & Roberts McMaster's granddaugh-
ter's husband)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our members and friends facing illness, injury and hardship.

Chas Altman	Jim Hart	Judy Malone	Dana Riashi
Christy	Sandra Johnson	Carolyn Michel	Marsha Rust
Joe Cox	Danielle Kirby	Vicky Mobley	Ernie Sartorius
Ellie Fiolka	Annette Kocal	Nancy Myers &	Ramona Stockman
Jim Fligg	Collette Koch	Family	
Ali Frimpter	Kristen Lapham	Ada Nuhn	
Deborah Hamilton	Jean Lonergan	Paul	

Happy Birthday!

Chong Devine 9/1

***Joan Elliott 9/1**

Nancy Guthy 9/1

Wayne Rockenbach 9/1

Ilana Cota 9/2

Mark McElwaine 9/2

Nancy Ruppert 9/3

Jane Repp 9/4

***Joseph Riashi 9/5**

Mary Ann Kellogg 9/6

Irene McGee 9/7

Happy Anniversary!

Kathryn & Clark Leaming 9/1

Mary & Tom Bender 9/2

Rick & Jo Miles 9/2

Mavelyn & John Millard 9/5

Geri & Bill Payne 9/4

***Birthday Club Members**

Interested in joining the Club? Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day! The VPC Endowment Board uses the interest income from the Birthday Club funds exclusively for Youth Activities! Please consider becoming a member of the Birthday Club! Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

If you have any joys and/or concerns, let us know as they are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or a friend of the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church so they can let us know! Please notice that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be resubmitted.

VPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 1

10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
11:00 AM Fellowship & Coffee Time

Monday, September 2

7:37 AM Men's Assn. Golf
(Arrowhead G.C.)
All Day Labor Day
- **Office Closed** -

Tuesday, September 3

9:00 AM Men's Bible Study
7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, September 4

11:00 AM WHMT Meeting
5:30 PM ALL CHURCH Bible Study
@ VPC -with Pastor Rob
5:30 PM Alleluia Choir
7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group
"Tailgate Party"

Thursday, September 5

7:30 PM Corvettes of Naples
5:00 PM Capernaum

Friday, September 6

2:00 PM Artis Chamber Concert
Event

Saturday, September 7

10:00 AM Al Anon

Sunday, September 8

10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
10:15 AM Sunday School Children &
Youth
11:00 AM Fellowship & Coffee Time
11:00 AM Blood Pressure Screening
11:30 AM Prospective Members
Orientation

WE GATHER TOGETHER AT VPC

Mission Service ~ Choirs ~ Stephen Ministry ~ Youth Groups ~ Concerts ~ Women's Circles
Lecture Series ~ Health Seminars ~ Wholeness & Health ~ VandeReaders ~ Recycled Cards
Bible Studies for Men & Women ~ Senior Ministry ~ Book Studies ~ Confirmation ~ Quilters
Handbells & More ~ Support Group Meetings.

We hope you are interested in becoming a member or affiliate member of this church. Please speak to the person at our Welcome Center in the Narthex or call the office at 239-597-5410.

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.



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