



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 22, 2019

10:00 am | Twenty-Fifth 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

Faithful God, help us to reorder our priorities so that the wealth we possess becomes a tool, not an idol. We would use our wealth to address problems you call us to solve and to heal the brokenness of your world. Bless our learning and our doing, we pray. Amen.

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

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

There is a balm in Gilead. There is a physician who heals.

We come in all our confusion seeking answers.

Bring all your urgent prayers and honest laments.

God is eager to offer salvation and open us to truth.

Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn # 467

“How Great Thou Art”

O STORE GUD ASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, we have not managed well the wealth of the earth, which is our trust from you. We have modified your commands to suit our own egos and desires. We have wasted resources while hoarding for our own use what is meant for all to enjoy. Our concerns are narrow and our compassion is weak. We are restless and unfulfilled for we have not tried your ways. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us into your new day.

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.

Congregational Response: “Jesus Loves Me”

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 8:18 - 9:1

(Pew Bible Pg. 709 OT)

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

(Pew Bible Pg. 79 NT)

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“On Being Faithful”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** (*Unison*)

(The Apostles’ 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.

Hymn #388

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ANGEL’S STORY

Receiving of New Members

Presentation

Becca and Steve Acx

Ben and Byna Hood

Jeremy Barber

Hayley and Richard Hood

Shirley and John (Jack) W. Byrne III

Betty M. Karnes

Alicia Farman

Daniel (Dan) and Sally Meeuwsen

Barbara and Chuck Henry

Gwynva (Gwen) Salyer

Profession of Faith/Renunciations

***The Apostles’ Creed** (*Responsive*)

Do you believe in the Father Almighty? I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

Commitment questions to the Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these individuals by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of the church? Do you?

Commitment questions to the New Members

Prayer

Litany of Welcome:

We welcome you into this fellowship of believers.

We are one in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We welcome you into the body of Christ.

We are the body whose head is Christ.

We welcome you into this ministry of servanthood.

Jesus calls us to join together in discipleship.

We welcome you.

We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus. We, the members of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, bid you welcome to its work and worship, and pledge to you our Christian Fellowship. We pray that all of us may grow into the likeness of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus we make this promise. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music “Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him”

Dave Dunbar

*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

Prayer 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.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn #423

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

*Commission & Blessing

God will assist us every day as we reach out to others.

We will look to God for guidance and direction.

seek to be faithful in all things, great and small.

We are grateful servants of a loving God.

Alleluia!

Amen!

*Congregational Response:

“Let There Be Peace On Earth” *(Copyright 1955 by Jan-Lee Music. Renewed 1983 Used by permission)*

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:

Toccatina in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

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*

Liturgist: Laura Marzano

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

The Chancel Choir

Ushers: Bruce & Wendy Baker (co-Captains), Dixie Bibb, Bob & Jan Conrad, Nancy Myers, Frank Schmitt, Ron Sieling

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 arrangements have been donated by:

Martha in loving memory of Roger Broeker and

Judy Peabody in memory of Paul.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sunday, September 29, 2019

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Time: 10am

Music - Prayers - Scripture

The Rev. Dr. Lou Thompson

(Psalm 19 / Matthew 26:36-46)

Let's Welcome our New Members in Worship Sunday, September 22, 2019



Becca and Steve Acx come to VPC as full-time members by Reaffirmation of Faith. Full time Naples residents, Becca works at Barron Collier Companies as a civil engineer while Steve is an application analyst for Arthrex. They are the parents of 6 year old twin girls and live in Oakes Estates. Their church background was Lutheran, but they feel comfortable at VPC. Becca enjoys woodworking, home improvement, quilting and crocheting in her spare time. She loves to sing and is currently teaching SS at VPC. Steve enjoys spending time with the family.

Jeremy Barber will be a full-time member by Reaffirmation of Faith. He relocated from the Boston area in 2017. Jeremy and his family (wife Elke and 6 year old twins) reside at Summit Place in Naples. The family enjoys anything outdoors. He is employed as a finance director for an auto dealership and appreciates the friendliness at VPC.



Shirley and John (Jack) W. Byrne III come to VPC as full-time members by Letter of Transfer from St. Mark United Methodist Church in Seneca, N.C. Jack is a retired J. C. Penney management executive and he and Shirley live at the Carlisle. Shirley was employed as a bridal consultant, personnel manager and realtor. They are the parents of 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. They have both served the church as Elder and Deacon. John has sung in choir and been an active SS member. Shirley has been a circle member and hospice worker for 10 years. Due to job transfers, they have belonged to 17 churches.



Alicia Farman calls Bermuda Palms home and is joining full-time by Reaffirmation of Faith. Her employment background is in finance, first with Germain BMW and now with Alliance Financial Group. She plays all sports, loves arts and crafts and enjoys educating people. Her church background is Baptist, but is happy with the Presbyterian Church and is thankful for the welcome received at VPC. She educates women on financial aspects of life and wealth.

Barbara and Chuck Henry reside at the Palazzo of Naples and come to VPC as full-time members by Reaffirmation of Faith. Barbara is originally from WI. And has lived in 6 states. Hobbies are golf and tennis. Chuck was born in IN, is a graduate of MIT and is an avid reader. Their church background is Lutheran and most recently were members of First Congregational Church in Naples.



Ben and Byna Hood come to VPC as full-time members by Letter of Transfer from St. Paul United Methodist Church in Abilene, Texas, and currently live in Palm River. Byna worked in Boutique Sales at Stein-Mart for 10 years and enjoys reading. Ben was in the oil and gas industry as co-owner. His hobbies include golf and history. Their daughter, Heather, and one grandchild live in Naples; a second grand-daughter lives in Alabama. Both Ben and Byna have participated in the Disciples Bible Study and Ben served on the Finance Committee In their former church.

Hayley and Richard Hood will be active, full-time members by Reaffirmation of Faith and their home is in Miromar Lakes with their infant son, Oliver. Born and raised in Naples, Hayley looks forward to raising Oliver in the church. Richard was born in Adrian, MI, and is an Anesthesiology/Pain Management physician. He is the father of 5 and his religious background is Episcopalian, Catholic and Nazarene.



Betty M. Karnes comes to VPC as a full-time member by Reaffirmation of Faith. Betty and her late husband, Delbert, moved from Ohio 30 years ago. In Ohio, her husband was a professor at Bowling Green. She worked as a secretary to a doctor in Naples for 11 years and volunteered at her last church in the thrift store. Church experience also includes choir, women's groups and helping with church activities. She was married for 47 years until widowed in 2004. She is the mother of 3, grandmother of 6 and great-grandmother of 6.

Daniel (Dan) and Sally Meeuwssen live in Quail Village in Naples and are joining VPC as Affiliate Members from their home church, Central Reformed in Grand Rapids, MI. Dan is a retired president of a Grand Rapids company and Sally worked for 25 years as president and CEO of Youngblood Aviation. Dan has served as both Elder and Deacon at Central Reformed where he was born and raised, also serving in the usher's club and SS teacher. Sally plays bridge and golf, enjoys knitting and sewing and is President of the HOA. She served the church as Women's Guild president and SS teacher.



Gwynva (Gwen) Salyer lives in Tiburon and will become a full-time member by Reaffirmation of Faith. Originally from Chicago, Gwen met her late husband at College in Winter Park, FL and has worked as a librarian for over 40 years. Her volunteer activities are with the Collier County Library headquarters and office work for Habitat for Humanity. Her grandfather was a Congregational minister in Wales, UK, but she has been a Presbyterian since her marriage.

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 provide snacks.

Fellowship Hall: Thank you to Membership & Involvement 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 Aguilar 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.

ALL CHURCH BRUNCH

TODAY Sunday, Sept 22nd following worship. Please join us for this event to welcome our new members and greet old friends. Invite someone new to join you. This event is hosted by the Membership & Involvement Team.

WHOLISTIC HEALTH EVENTS

Friday, September 27, 10 am – 12 pm "MEDICARE Update" Hallie Devlin from SHINE will answer your questions and concerns about MEDICARE and supplemental insurance concerns.

Friday, October 11, 10 am – 12 pm in Harp Hall, "SPIRITUAL JOURNEY". Join us as Rev Ann Hoffman leads us in a discussion; as we reach the last half of our life, how does our faith change, doubts, hopes and the dying process. **FREE LUNCH** to follow program. Registration is required sign up in Fellowship Hall or online.

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 11:15 IN HARP HALL.

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

A study guide, authored by N. T. Wright is available for \$8.

The time will change to 10:45 when two worship services resume.

Let Jon White know if you would like to participate, 254-0324 or whitej987@cs.com.

Christian Ethics? Is the study that begins **Oct. 6 at 11 AM** This class will explore what our values are regarding current news items that confront us daily i.e.: racism, abortion, sexual promiscuity, homosexuality, immigration, ethics in church, crime and capital punishment. Can we be honest with one another in the Church? 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: an 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; cost for the book will be \$10.00.

SAFE COMMUNITY EVENT

October 8 5- 8 pm Collier County Sherriff's Office will be in our parking lot celebrating Safe Communities. There will be food vendors, entertainment and demonstrations by the CCSO. A fun event for all ages and FREE! More details to follow.

VASES FOR FLOWERS

We are accepting donations of small flower vases to be used by our Deacons for homebound and hospital visits. They may be dropped off at the church office.

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!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

1st Thessalonians 5:17 encourages us to pray continually. Pray for people who have been impacted by this devastating hurricane. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with partners in the Bahamas to respond to immediate needs. You may donate by noting PDA on your check and dropping in the offertory basket or visiting www.Presbyterianmission.org/donate.

2019 Weekly Attendance:
September 15 288 **YTD Average 417**

Financial Update - Operating Fund

	Aug	Year to Date	Budget YTD
Operating Income	\$ 64,202	\$ 914,741	\$886,600
Operating Expenses	\$ 113,859	\$ 792,524	\$ 802,100

Deo Gloria Mortgage Balance at August 2019: \$1,796,650

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 & Roberta 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 Fligg	Danielle Kirby	Carolyn Michel	Ernie Sartorius
Tina Berisha	Amber Grider	Annette Kocal	Janet Minch	Barbara Sletto
Fred Biere	Chuck Hall	Kristen Lapham	Tebbs Moore	Ramona Stockman
Christy	Deborah Hamilton	Jean Lonergan	Ada Nuhn	Joanne Whitman
Joe Cox	Jim Hart	Diane Macadonia	Paul	
Ellie Fiolka	Sandra Johnson	Judy Malone	Marsha Rust	

~I want to thank my VPC family for all the thoughts, cards, and prayers for us during my mothers passing. The warmth of each "I'm thinking of You" or "You are in our prayers" has been a great help over the summer while Lance and I have been dealing with the details of her being taken to join my father in the Eternal Home. Thank You all so much for the love and support given. Margaret (Mike) Waters~

Happy Birthday!

John Millard 9/22

Louise Infanti 9/23

***Nena Beynon 9/24**

Lillian Walker 9/24

Ayden Lefebvre 9/25

***Peggy Landon 9/26**

Stanley Leonard 9/26

Ann Lienemann 9/26

Lou Grady 9/27

Tim Rowe 9/27

***Jackson Bell 9/28**

Max Gould 9/28

***Laura Marzano 9/28**

***Malcolm McDonald 9/28**

Carol Wood 9/28

Happy Anniversary!

Harry & Judith Brown 9/22

Merle & Sharon Wylie 9/22

Bill & Mary Koppelkam 9/27

Joe & Barbara Feddern 9/28

Alexander & Julianne Hobbs 9/28

Ron & Nancy Guthy 9/28

*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 22

10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
10:15 AM Sunday School Children & Youth
11:00 AM All Church Brunch
11:15 AM First Corinthians Sunday Bible Study

Monday, September 23

7:37 AM Men's Assn. Golf (Arrowhead G.C.)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 274
7:00 PM Session

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 AM Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Passage Meditation
7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, September 25

10:00 AM FIF Friends in Faith
5:30 PM ALL CHURCH Bible Study@ VPC
-with Pastor Rob
5:30 PM Alleluia Choir
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, September 26

3:00 PM Vitas A Bereavement & Peer Support Group
5:00 PM Capernaum

Friday, September 27

10:00 AM Medicare Update Seminar

Saturday, September 28

10:00 AM Al Anon

Sunday, September 29

10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
10:15 AM Sunday School Children & Youth
11:15 AM First Corinthians Sunday Bible Study

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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The church is a member of the Peace River Presbytery, the Synod of South Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (USA).



Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS AT VPC

- Sept 27 * 10 am Medicare/ Shine Event
- Oct 6 * Blood Drive
- Oct 8 * 5 - 8 pm Collier County Safe Community Event
- Oct 11 * 10 am - 12 pm Spiritual Journey Event
- Oct 13 * 2 Services Resume 9:00 am & 11:00 AM
- Oct 30 * 5:30 - 7:00 PM Trunk or Treat - Fun for All Ages!

