

# Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 21, 2022

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

## Psalm 71:1-6

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

<sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

<sup>4</sup> Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

<sup>6</sup> From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**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**.

### Green Friendship Pads

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.

**Prelude:** "Voluntary in C Major"

Richard Peek (1927-2005)

## Announcements

### \* Call to Worship

*Assemble before God, our rock and refuge.*

*Come together to listen for the voice of our Creator.*

**The Word of God shakes the foundation of the earth.**

**We expect to be changed by God's message to us.**

*This is God's holy day, a time to lay aside narrow interests.*

*How will we honor God in word and deed?*

**We will delight in the Word and works of our God.**

**We will join together in praise and good works.**

*Let us worship God.*

**\* Hymn #356:** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTELTON

**1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,**

**Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!**

*Continued...*

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

We bow in awe before you, powerful God. We have forgotten that you are in charge of the earth. We have neglected the brothers and sisters you have called us to love. We want them to conform to our way of doing things rather than reaching out to them where they are. We would rather ignore them than feel obligated to help. Sometimes we would rather continue our own crippled existence than call on you for help. O God, we need your mercy. *(Silence)*  
Amen.

### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### \* 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.**

## Back to School Blessing and Teacher Commissioning

### A Moment for Children

Heather Mikes

We invite children to gather up front for a special children's message. After we sing "Jesus Loves Me," children ages three through first grade may go to the Student Center for Summer Ministry Sessions. Nursery Ministry is also available for children birth through age two. Formal Sunday school for Children and Youth (ages three through high school) will resume on **September 11th** at our Fall Education Kick Off.

**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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

*<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, <sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out*

*his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** "Open Your Heart to the Lord"

Words by David Carmany

Music by Stephanie Moore, Arranged by Julie Carver

Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

Open your heart to the Lord. Open your heart to the Lord. Open your heart and the healing starts, Open your heart to the Lord. The Lord is my life and my salvation. The sun will never grow dim. When it's my time to go, oh, how I know, I'll see a bright light, and know that it's Him! Open your ears to the Lord, open your ears to the Lord. Hear today what He has to say. Open your ears to the Lord. Open your heart to the Lord. Open your heart to the Lord. Open your heart and the healing starts, Open your heart to the Lord. *(For Joanne, in loving memory of David Carmany.)*

**The Gospel Reading**

Luke 13:10-17

*<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** **Sermon Series:** *In Pursuit of a Prophet*

**Sermon:** "You Were Made for This"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**Anthem:** "Be Thou My Vision"

Tune: SLANE

arr. Richard Shephard

The Chancel Choir

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. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heavens joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Offering**

**\*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.**

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

**Prayers 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.

**\* Hymn #525: "Here I am, Lord"**

HERE I AM LORD

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| <p>1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,<br/>I have heard my people cry,<br/>All who dwell in deepest sin<br/>My hand will save.<br/>I who made the stars of night,<br/>I will make their darkness bright.<br/>Who will bear my light to them?<br/>Whom shall I send?<br/><i>Refrain:</i><br/>Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?<br/>I have heard you calling in the night<br/>I will go Lord, if You lead me.<br/>I will hold Your people in my heart.</p> | <p>2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,<br/>I have borne My people's pain.<br/>I have wept for love of them,<br/>They turn away.<br/>I will break their hearts of stone,<br/>Give them hearts for love alone.<br/>I will speak My word to them.<br/>Whom shall I send? <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,<br/>I will tend the poor and lame.<br/>I will set a feast for them.<br/>My hand will save.<br/>Finest bread I will provide<br/>Till their hearts be satisfied.<br/>I will give My life to them.<br/>Whom shall I send? <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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**\* Commission and Blessing**

*The Word of God empowers us to speak and act.*

*God is sending us to people who need our help.*

**We will not be afraid to speak of God's love.**

**We will dare to act as God directs.**

*Alleluia.*

**Amen.**

**\* Benediction Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

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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: "Voluntary in D Major"**

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

*Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow**, *Pastor*

**Suzanne Zelinka**, *Liturgist*

**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*

**The Chancel Choir**

**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*

**Virginia Garner Cullison**, *Violinist*

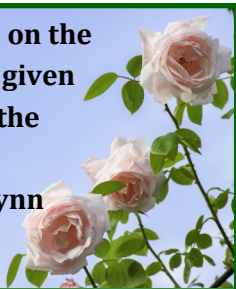
**Youth Acolyte:** Ayden Carver

**Greeters:** Jan Fern & Becky Wheat

**Ushers:** Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro  
(Head Ushers), Karen Chappler, Dianne  
Westerlund, Gwen Salyer, Bill & Mary  
Koppelkam

**Audio/Visual Technician:** Victoria Bonavita

The flowers on the  
chancel are given  
in honor of the  
VPC Staff  
by Shar & Lynn  
Rosser.



## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

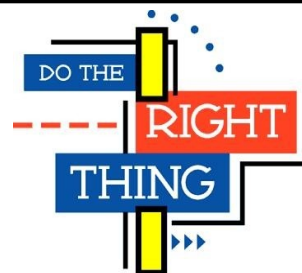
August 28: The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon Series: "In Pursuit of a Prophet"

Sermon: "Do the Right Thing"



Our Sunday worship service is live streamed directly to our website and Facebook. That means you can tune in to [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org) or on Facebook at 10am on Sunday mornings to watch the service live! If you want to watch at a later time, the service will be available on our website in the Sermon Library. If you have any questions, call the office at 597-5410.



The Fellowship Hour is  
sponsored by the Education  
Ministry Team. Please join  
us for lunch and ice cream!



## VPC NEWS



**PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US!** Our database program is being converted to a new and improved version. This upgrade will be a huge improvement, but we need a bit of grace during the conversion. This process will take a few weeks and may affect the website and anything related to finance. *Thank you for your understanding.*

**PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING CHANCEL FLOWERS!** We are in need of sponsors for Chancel Flowers. You can do so in honor or memory of a loved one or just because you love your church! Contact Barbara Bonavita at 597-5410 or [bbonavita@vpcnaples.org](mailto:bbonavita@vpcnaples.org) to schedule a date.







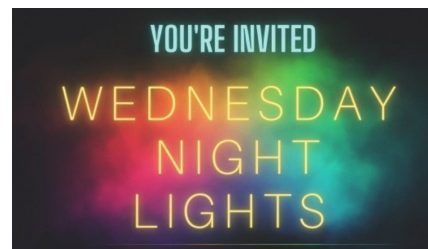
**PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL.** If you or a member of your family are hospitalized, please call the church office. The hospital is changing their software and are unable to notify the church. The only way we know, is if you communicate to us directly. Call 597-5410.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SEASON IS HERE!** It's time to begin a new adventure in education — at home, at school, at church and serving our community. As you look forward to planning your new routines, be sure to save the dates for Worship, Sunday School and Wednesday Night Programming too!

**\*Sept. 7 Wednesday Night Lights Begins for Children & Youth Groups**

**\*Sept. 11 Fall Education Kick Off**

Questions? Email Heather at [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org)



**BABY NEWS!** Avery Todd Colburn was born to proud parents Brittany and Sam Colburn on July 15, 2022 at 10:37am, weighing 7 lbs. & 8 oz. and measuring 19.5 in. Avery is the grandson of **Todd & Angela Gates** and the nephew of Courtney and Kyle Abraham. Angela is the assistant to the director at VLC and Courtney is our kindergarten teaching assistant.

***Congratulations!!***

**Congratulations to the Vayda Family on the baptism of Cohen Ashton Vayda last Sunday.**



**Be a Blessing to Pinecrest Elementary**

VPC is collecting school supplies for teachers, staff, students and families at Pinecrest Elementary School located in Immokalee.

- Donate \$ indicate "Pinecrest" on payment
- Shop Amazon wishlist (info in the bulletin)

*We hope to raise enough to purchase shirts for teachers and staff*

Please visit the Amazon Wish List "VPC Back to School Blessing Pinecrest Elementary 2022-23" and select items to purchase. Choose to ship them directly to the school (NOT to VPC) between now and **August 31**. You can also make a monetary contribution. Please mail a check to VPC or go online to give. Indicate "Pinecrest" in the memo area of your check or online in the Custom Section (page two).  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ILXQTCIUMP6T?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ILXQTCIUMP6T?ref=wl_share)

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE:** The recent floods in Kentucky, Missouri and Virginia have been in the headlines and some of us wonder, what can I do? The PCUSA supports people in need via Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; [www.pda.pcusa.org/situation/july-flooding/](http://www.pda.pcusa.org/situation/july-flooding/). If you are looking for a way to help those in need, consider making a donation on the website above. The PDA makes sure that the funds go directly to those in the most need. Help us send the love of Christ into the world by supporting the PDA in their efforts to help families that have lost everything due to these unprecedented floods. Thank you for your generosity.



On **Thursday, September 8, 2022** volunteers are needed to pack 300 bags of food for homeless children or those living at the poverty level as part of the Weekend Power Pack Program. The food will be assembled in Fellowship Hall at 10:30am. Packing takes approximately one hour. The school guidance counselor told us that the children are very excited to receive their "power pack" in their backpack before leaving school for the weekend. Please contact Becky Wheat at [sportbroad@comcast.net](mailto:sportbroad@comcast.net) for more information or to volunteer. *Lend a helping hand for kids!*



## GATHER WITH YOUR VPC FRIENDS!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Midweek Small Group Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the Library  
**Friends in Faith:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month, at 10am in Harp Hall & by ZOOM  
**JOIN A SMALL GROUP! MAH JONGG** Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or [paynegnb@comcast.net](mailto:paynegnb@comcast.net)  
**BRIDGE** Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or [nanjan69@gmail.com](mailto:nanjan69@gmail.com)

### TRY GOING "BLUE!"

VPC, with support of the Wholistic Health, Building and Grounds, and Education Teams, has partnered with Growing Climate Solutions, which is a locally focused group striving to make changes here in SWFL. In addition to "going green" we should all be "going blue" as over 80% of global carbon circulates through the world's oceans. Half of the carbon dioxide absorbed by the ocean – or blue carbon - is held under the roots of three ecosystems including mangroves, salt marshes and seagrasses. Some of these soils have been accumulating for up to five thousand years and can be 10-12 feet deep, containing over forty percent carbon. Loss of these habitats results in release of that carbon to the atmosphere, one reason why protecting coastal ecosystems is critical to combatting climate change.



#### Help Protect Seagrass and Mangroves

- Don't fertilize your lawn during rainy season
- Avoid prop scarring sea grass beds
- Use mechanical methods to clear plants out of water
- Don't purchase imported farmed shrimp
- Don't illegally prune mangroves on your property
- Pick up your dog's waste.

*Together we can make a difference!*

### THANK YOU!!

Our VBS collection of school supplies was distributed at Misión Peniel. Thank you for sharing Christ's love in the world!



### Prayers have been answered!

Rich Annunziata has been matched to a live liver donor! He is weeks away from traveling to Pittsburgh for a transplant. Please continue to keep Rich, his wife, Jeanne, and daughters, Ashley, Ruby & Annabelle in your prayers.



## 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)

#### **LT Wyatt R. Dawley**

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

#### **LCDR Adam Endrelunas**

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

#### **MAJ Allen Fujinaka**

US Army  
 (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)

#### **CPTN Jennifer Giles**

USMC, Philippines  
 (Mary Giles' granddaughter)

#### **CPTN Jeremy Giles**

US Army Special Forces,  
 Ft. Bragg, NC (Mary Giles' grandson)

#### **COL Jessica D. Grassetti**

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

#### **MAJ Robert Gruber, USMC**

**LT CDR Marjorie Gruber, US Navy**  
 Camp Pendleton, CA  
 (Bob Gruber son & daughter-in-law)

#### **E-3 Jacob Guzman**

US Army—USA (Cesar Guzman's son)

#### **CPTN Devon Hennessey**

Korea (Toni Hubbard)

#### **Nolan Kelly**

US Army - Private First Class  
 Fort Sill, OK

#### **SGT Wesley Kennedy**

USMC - Okinawa, Japan

#### **Christian Kurz**

US Navy, USS Nitze  
 (Joyce Geary's great nephew)

#### **LT Kevin McCormick**

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

#### **Austin Schwartz**

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

#### **MAJ Matthew Smith,**

USMC, Kuwait  
 (Son of Linda Smith)

#### **1st LT Andrew P. Vadyak**

USMC  
 Okinawa, Japan  
**Hadley Vadyak**  
 USNA  
 Class of 2020





### Happy Birthday!

Barbara Elliott	8/21	*Lou Thompson	8/24
Herb Newman	8/21	Cherry Jacobus	8/25
Merle Wylie	8/22	Gina Truax	8/25
*Ann Hoffman	8/23	Sebastian Aguilar	8/26
Virginia Dieken	8/24		

### \*Birthday Club

Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day. The VPC Endowment Team uses the interest income from the Birthday Club exclusively for Youth Activities!



### Happy Anniversary!

Bruce & Roberta Hobbs	8/21
Deborah & Loren Dawley	8/22
Bruce & Wendy Baker	8/23
Al & Jean Fletcher	8/23
Judy & Tom Maish	8/23
Bill & Judy Oehler	8/23
Charles & Nancy Thompson	8/23
Jackson & Nancy Bell	8/25

### PRAYER CONCERNS

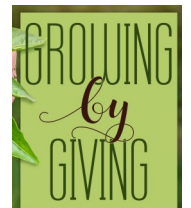
Please continue to hold in prayer our church family and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. If you have any joys or concerns, let us know. They are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or friend of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church so they can let us know! Please note that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be submitted.

Linda Addaman	Gerry & Lynn Greenblatt	Lauren Marquis
Rich Annunziata	The Family of Jean Hahm	Doris Martin
Cynthia Arnold	The Hall & Meyer Families	Marilyn McKee
Charlyn Bonk	Mary Hart	Nancy Miller
Linda Burwinkel	The Huaroto & Hill Families	Joan Mountford
Adriana Caruso	Casey Hunt	Ernie Sartorius
Ron Davis	Judy Jacobs	Kristin Travis
Annette & Bill Dietrich	Sandra Johnson	Tony & Yvonne
Marlene Everson	Chester Kauffman	Van Rooyen
Jim & Wealthea Flick	Margaret Mackie	
Jim Folliard	Judy Malone	

*We are saddened to announce the death of member, **James Winemiller**, on August 5, 2022. James and his wife, Kay, have been members of Vanderbilt for over 3 years. Please keep Kay and his family in your prayers. A memorial service was held in Vincennes, Indiana on August 12. To send a card to Kay: 8084 River Bay Dr. West Indianapolis, IN 46240*

### FINANCIAL UPDATE - OPERATING FUND 2022

	June	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Operating Income</b>	\$ 93,480	\$690,981	\$736,600
<b>Expenses</b>	\$119,502	\$626,563	\$664,000
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$ 26,022)</b>	<b>\$ 64,418</b>	<b>\$ 72,600</b>



### 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.



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