



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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November 13, 2022

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are given in honor of all veterans by Ron Sieling and Joan Elliott and in loving memory of Mason Colby by his family.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in thanksgiving for our kids and grandkids by Ron & Linda Addaman.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Mary Lynn Myers, Liturgist

Viviane Lederer, Riley Mikes & Annabelle

Annunziata, Youth Liturgists

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

Carter Mikes, Youth Acolyte

Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne

Ushers: Linda Addaman (Head Usher),

Ron Addaman, Steve Blad, Joyce & Bill Dersch, Nadine Gaylord

Audio/Visual Technician: Victoria Bonavita

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 98

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

² The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Prelude: Autumn Hymn: "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Announcements

A Moment for Mission

Salvation Army

* Call to Worship

God is ready to answer us, even before we call.

God is eager to listen, though we are not ready to speak.

The hills sing together before God's presence.

All of nature proclaims God's glory.

Be glad! Rejoice in all that God is creating.

Welcome the new heaven and earth God has planned.

We worship God with great joy and delight.

We welcome God's healing touch in our midst.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #561: "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

AMERICA

1. My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside,
Let freedom ring!
2. My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

3. Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees, Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.
4. Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty, To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, our salvation, we confess that we have tried to live apart from you. Our daily habits deny your reality, We toil without seeking your will. We work without giving our best. We compete with brothers and sisters without valuing them as your children or relating to them as our kin. We follow fads and false leaders while neglecting our faith. Forgive our misplaced trust, our hesitation to take the risks of caring witness, and our failure to empathize with others. Restore our connections with all from whom we are alienated. (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.**

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 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

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the

Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: **Sermon Series:** *Face Time with Jesus*

Sermon: “Distraction and Focus”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Anthem: “God Bless America”

Irving Berlin (1888-1989)

The Chancel Choir

arr. Roy Ringwald (1910-1995)

God bless America, land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her

Through the night with the light from above.

From the mountains to the prairies, To the oceans white with foam,

God bless America, my home sweet home.

Reception of New Members

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 The Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. 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 #564: "O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies"**

MATERNA

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| 1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain! America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea! | 3. O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life! America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine. |
| 2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness! America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law! | 4. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears! America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea! |

*** Commission and Blessing**

Take with you the assurance of healing and wholeness.

God's steadfast love and faithfulness accompany you.

We will sing of the victories God makes possible in us.

We will praise God for comfort and guidance.

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: "Hymn to Joy"

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

VPC NEWS

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

November 20: Christ the King Sunday

First Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:33-43

Sermon Series: "Face Time With Jesus"

Sermon: "No Way to Treat a King"



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a group of committed, caring, Christians that seek to love one another, the way Christ loved us. To make our ministry run smoothly, we need YOU! There are opportunities for everyone to serve at VPC.

We are in urgent need of people to be ushers, greeters and Sunday School volunteers. You can also help by being a liturgist, choir member, Stephen Minister, Deacon or Elder. You can volunteer to help one of many missions we support. When we all gather together to help and encourage one another, the world is a better place. Pray about where you might assist in our mission to spread the Good News. You are loved and you are needed!

Call us so we can help you find your place at VPC! **597-5410.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC AND WORSHIP

TODAY! On **Sunday, November 13 at 4pm** organist, Edward Alan Moore, will be the featured guest artist. Dr. Moore has an all Franck program planned in honor of the composers 200th birthday. The concert is free, but a donation will be received. Doors open at 3:30pm. You won't want to miss this beautiful afternoon of music. Bring a friend and come relax the afternoon away!



HOME COMMUNION: The Deacons are offering Home Communion. If you would like to receive communion at home OR if you are an ordained Elder or Deacon and would like to assist in this effort, please contact Michael Bevilacqua at Michael@bevilacquaent.com or 612-803-0767.

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church — Financial Results as of September 30, 2022

	9/30/22 YTD	YTD Budget	Estimated Year End	9/30/21
Income	\$ 870,505	\$1,026,500	\$1,150,000	\$ 964,640
Expenses	\$ 968,481	\$ 982,800	\$1,346,500	\$ 876,201
Net	(\$ 97,976)	\$ 43,700	(\$ 196,500)	\$ 88,439

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

- **WNL:** For dinner on **Wednesday, November 16**, we will be having a Thanksgiving Feast and celebrating our blessings. Please sign up to bring an entree, side dish or dessert to share. ALL children and adults are welcome to stay for dinner! Email Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.
- **MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Will resume on **November 30 at 6pm** in the Library.
- **FRIENDS IN FAITH** gathers every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 10am in Harp Hall & by Zoom.
- **WISDOM SEEKERS** meets on **November 16 at 12:30pm** in the Library.
- **VPC BOOK CLUB** resumes on **Monday, November 21, at 1:30pm** in Harp Hall. "Among the Beautiful Beasts" by Lori McMullin. Contact Peggy Landon at mldan711@gmail.com.
- **JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB!** The VPC Endowment Team uses the interest income from the Birthday Club exclusively for Youth Activities.

BE SURE TO PICK UP THE SEPARATE SHEET WITH MORE INFORMATION ON MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!



- **HELPS OUTREACH:** VPC is collecting dry goods (mac & cheese, canned tuna or chicken, and other non-perishable foods) for Hunger and Homelessness Sunday. Bring your donations by **Sunday, November 13**.
- **HURRICANE IAN RELIEF:** VPC is collecting monetary donations for hurricane relief. Funds will be split between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the "Collier Comes Together Hurricane Fund." To make a donation, send a check or go online and put **Hurricane Ian Relief** in the memo.
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** VPC children and youth groups are collecting donations of toys, school supplies and personal care items through **November 16**. They will be filling the shoeboxes at Wednesday Night Lights as part of the Gratitude Potluck Dinner.
- **CAFÉ OF LIFE:** VPC Mission Team is hosting a meal on **Friday, November 25 at 9am** at Leitner Park, 26724 Nomad Dr., Bonita Springs 34135. Donations of food and volunteers to serve are needed. Email Eliza Nevin at elizanevin@comcast.net.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY

- **LUNCH BUNCH!** **Sunday, November 13** is our next gathering. Call the office if you still want to sign up.
- **STEPHEN MINISTRY:** Stephen Ministers are here to help! Know someone in need? We are available to help! To learn more, see the bulletin board on the way to Fellowship Hall.
- **MAH JONGG:** Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or paynegnb@comcast.net.
- **BRIDGE:** Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or nanjan69@gmail.com.



Happy Birthday!

*Tarie Curtiss	11/13
Kathe Hall	11/15
Ben Hood	11/15
*Mary Giles	11/17
Dan Meeuwsen	11/17
*Janet Minch	11/17
*Linda Swihart	11/17
Gordon Black	11/18

Happy Anniversary!

Bruce & Heidi Stryker	11/18
James & Jane Beisler	11/19

*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!

You are invited to attend an
Inter-Faith Thanksgiving
Service.

Monday, November 21 at 6pm
at
Naples United Church of Christ
5200 Crayton Road
Naples, FL 34103



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.



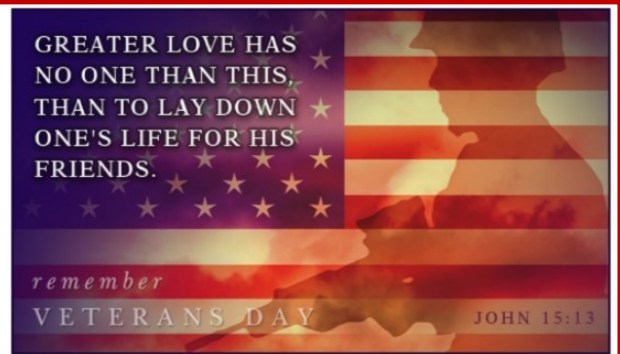
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Linda Burwinkel
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Cristiana
Ron Davis
Loren Dawley
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Sandra Johnson
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Barbara Lang
Jean Lee

Judy Malone
Zachary Mazzola
Marilyn McKee
Joan Mountford
Eric Muir
Al Starr
Barbara & Russ Thomas

A Prayer for Veterans

Lord of all, you long for a time when all nations will be ruled with justice and a world where everyone lives in safety and harmony. Until that time when swords are beaten into plowshares and the wolf and the lamb eat together, we give thanks for veterans who have served their country with honor and courage. Amen.



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.

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)
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. Grasseti
(Claudia Polzin's niece)
1st LT Jacob Guzman
US Army—South Korea
(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)

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

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.

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Check our weekly email:
"Week at a Glance!"

