



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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**August 13, 2023 10:00 am — Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Family Led Worship — Back to School Sunday**

The flowers on the chancel are donated in loving memory of my husband, Scott, by Joan Elliott.

The fellowship hour is sponsored by the Education Ministry Team.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
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
Karen Chappler, Liturgist
Riley Mikes, Youth Liturgist
Julie Carver, Pianist
The Chancel Choir

Virginia Garner Cullison, Violinist
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Becky Wheat
Youth Acolyte, Ayden Carver
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Dick Clark, Joan Butler, Gwen Salyer, Dianne Westerlund
Youth Ushers, Sydney Carver, Devon Grider

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 85:8-13

- ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
- ⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
- ¹² The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

Prelude: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee & O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

Traditional

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

The storms of life do not have the last word.

Our faith keeps us from sinking.

Our doubts lead to greater faith.

Our losses open us to greater possibilities.

Let us call on God's name and give thanks.

Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

We will sing of God's wonderful works.

We will share with others God's marvelous deeds.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #477: "Ye Servants of God Your Master Proclaim"

HANOVER

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| <p>1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, And publish abroad His wonderful name; The name all victorious of Jesus extol, His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.</p> <p>2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save; And still He is nigh--His presence we have; The great congregation His triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.</p> | <p>3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne," Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.</p> <p>4. Then let us adore, and give Him His right, All glory and power, all wisdom and might, All honor and blessing, with angels above, And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God, we confess that we are dreamers more intent on our own importance than on your vision for us. We like our favored position on this earth, and we are jealous of those who have even more than we. We want to walk on water before we have even learned to stand upright on the land. We want to rise above others rather than reaching out with helping hands, that all might be uplifted by you. We pray for pardon, for greater insight, for another chance to live and serve with faithfulness. *(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.

Back to School Blessing and Teacher Commissioning

**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

Romans 10:5-10

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth

and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim),⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim),⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Motivation"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Recognition of New Members

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from A Declaration of Faith

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Ave Verum" (Jesu, Word of God Incarnate) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

The Chancel Choir — Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born, on the cross Thy sacred Body For mankind with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side; feed us with Thy Body broken, now and in death's agony!

*** 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.**

***Offertory Prayer**

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 #446: "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"**

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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| <p>1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; God, whose word cannot be broken, Formed thee for a blest abode. On the rock of ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.</p> <p>2. See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love, Well supply thy sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.</p> | <p>Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage? Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age.</p> <p>3. Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

Take heart; do not be afraid.

God is with you wherever you go.

We are assured of God's presence and protection.

We believe God's help is always available.

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: "Prelude in D Major"

J. C. F. Fisher

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

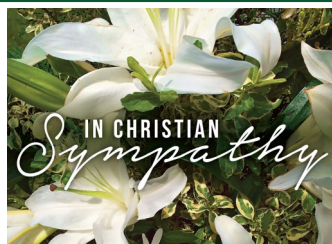
August 13, 2023

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon: "Faith and Fairness"

First Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28



*We are saddened to announce the death of **John (Jack) Ufheil** on August 5, 2023 at the age of 89. John and his wife, Rosemary, joined VPC in 2020. Please keep her in your prayers at this tender time.*

Cards may be sent to Rosemary at 2936 Golfside Drive, Naples, FL 34110. A memorial service will held on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 11:00 am at VPC.

*We are also saddened to announce the death of **Al Starr** on August 6, 2023 at the age of 95. Al and his late wife, Shirley, were members of VPC for over 28 years. Al served as an Elder and a Deacon and was active in our small groups and bible study classes. We will distribute information on a memorial service at a later date. Please keep his family in your prayers at this difficult time.*

THIS MORNING!

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING BLOOD IF YOU ARE ABLE.

OUR LOCAL SUPPLY IS CRITICALLY LOW.

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME ON THE BLOODMOBILE OUTSIDE ON THE PARKING LOT.

THANK YOU!

Our local blood supplies have taken a dive!

GIVE BLOOD

Sunday, August 13, 2023

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church



**Sign up by calling
597-5410**



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
 Jeremiah 29:11



A Prayer for the New School Year
 God of all wisdom, we praise you for gifting us with curiosity and learning. Give to all students, teachers, and caregivers a clear sense of your love. May they feel your presence throughout this school year. Guide their choices, their quest for knowledge, and their relationships. Use their successes and failures as opportunities to grow in understanding of who you would have them to be. Continue to shape them, that they may walk in the way of Christ, grow strong in Spirit's love for all people, and know the complete joy of life in you. In the name of Christ our Great Teacher, we pray. Amen.



For more information, see the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall.

stephen
MINISTRY

"Listen to me, oh house of Jacob. I have made you and I will carry you. I will sustain you and I will rescue you."
 Isaiah 46:3-4.

Scripture supports what Stephen Ministers offer. God created us and sustains us. Stephen Ministers are trained and commissioned to support the scriptures.



Call the office or speak to Pastor Rob if you are in need of a Stephen Minister.

HELP
 support
OUR
MISSION

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a mission-minded congregation with opportunities for everyone to participate.

We partner with over a dozen different organizations; donating food, clothing, school supplies, holiday gifts, and helping hands. The Mission Team is always in need of more volunteers.

Please join us on September 19 at 7pm!

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom, allowing everyone to participate.

Toni Keefer
 tonimkeefe@hotmail.com
 Becky Wheat
 sportbroad@comcast.net

Collier Harvest



Email Pete Rodino
 pvrodino@aol.com
 to volunteer!

Mission Opportunities

Join us to pack bags of healthy and nutritious food for our hungry neighbors across Collier County.



Monday, August 28, 2023
 4:30pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)
 4:45-6pm - bagging food at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



WELCOME!

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Vanderbilt Learning Center

Thursday, August 10, 2023



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. Also, if you have any joys or concerns, let us know. They are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. 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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| Sharon Acx | Nancy Diederich | The John Kennedy | Ron Sieling |
| Rich Annunziata | Marlene Everson | Family | The Starr Family |
| Loraine Atkinson | Lori Godwin | Robbie Landon | Lou Thompson |
| Linda Bauer | Phil Jacobus | Bob Martin | Jerry Tragesser |
| Jeff Berger | Judy Jacobs | Jeff Moon | The Ufheil Family |
| Charlyn Bonk | Sandra Johnson | Leah Ray | Chris Wood & Family |
| Adriana Caruso | Chester Kauffman | Jodi Reckmeyer | |

Happy Birthday!

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| Nancy Bell | 8/13 |
| Joanna Throckmorton | 8/13 |
| Joe Trees | 8/13 |
| Ohara Trees | 8/13 |
| Tim Hall | 8/13 |
| *Bill Beynon | 8/14 |
| John Pender | 8/15 |
| Valerie Tomsic | 8/15 |
| Rose Wendler | 8/15 |



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| Shirley Daugherty | 8/15 |
| Sue Van Fossen | 8/15 |
| Greta Corcoran | 8/15 |
| John Paalman | 8/17 |
| Brett Franklin | 8/17 |
| *Mari-Bea Warnken | 8/19 |
| *Thomas Hurley | 8/19 |

Happy Anniversary!

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| John & Connie Weiss | 8/7 |
| Brent & Erin Klein | 8/9 |
| Bruce & Chris Muddell | 8/10 |
| John & Heather Monda | 8/12 |

*Birthday Club

Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day. The Education Team may annually request up to 5% from the Club for Youth and Education Ministry!

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
(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. Grassetti

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

1st LT Jacob Guzman

US Army—South Korea
(Cesar Guzman's son)

CPTN Devon Hennessey

Korea (Toni Hubbard)

SGT Wesley Kennedy

USMC - Okinawa, Japan

MAJ Rex Rafferty

USAF—Alabama
(Norm & Linda Parker's granddaughter's husband)

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. **239-597-5410**



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