



**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 6, 2023 10:00 am — Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

The flowers on the chancel are donated in honor of our children, Greg & Laura, by Kevin & Ann Foote.

The fellowship hour is sponsored by the Mission 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*  
**Mary Lynn Myers**, *Liturgist*  
**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*  
**The Chancel Choir**

**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** Priscilla Kutler & Joan Butler  
**Ushers:** Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head Ushers), Tim Hall, Ben Hood, Reggie Smith, Sonja Cookson  
**Communion Servers:** Joan Butler, Pete Rodino, Joe & Sharon Doggett, Bill & Sue Van Fossen, Karen Chappler, Jerry Grandey

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

<sup>16</sup>You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

<sup>19</sup>He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

<sup>20</sup>The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

<sup>21</sup>My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

**Prelude:** "Récit and Fugue"

Pierre du Mage (1674-1751)

### Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship:

*Incline your ears to hear all God would teach.*

*Seek to experience God's steadfast love.*

**We are here to receive God's blessing.**

**God is our refuge in a frightening world.**

*God is near to all who call and seek.*

*Come to praise God and receive a blessing.*

**Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God.**

**We want to renew our covenant with the living God.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #467: "How Great Thou Art"

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| <p>1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder<br/>consider all the works thy hands hath made,<br/>I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,<br/>thy pow'r throughout the universe<br/>displayed;</p> | <p>2. When through the woods and forest glades I<br/>wander,<br/>and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;<br/>when I look down from lofty mountain<br/>grandeur<br/>and hear the brook and feel the gentle<br/>breeze; <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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#### *Refrain:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

*Continued*

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin;

*Refrain*

*Refrain:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

4. When Christ shall come with shout of  
acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my  
heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim: "My God, how great  
thou art!"

*Refrain*

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of justice and righteousness, whose compassion of humankind was expressed so vividly in Jesus of Nazareth, we bring to you our sorrow and anguish that we have not followed faithfully in the footsteps of Christ. Unkindness and deceit are all around us, and we have sometimes joined in their destructive ways. We waste resources you have entrusted to us. We cause others to stumble and fall. Take away our wickedness, O God, and restore your covenant among us, we pray in Jesus' name. *(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

Romans 9:1-5

*<sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup> I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup> to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

*<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup> They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup> And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** “God will Satisfy”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

### \* The Apostle’s 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.**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** "Morning Has Broken"

Traditional, arr. Clarke

The Chancel Choir

Text for this anthem is found in the hymnal, page 469.

**\* 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**

**Pastoral Prayer**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**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**

**Music During Communion: Improvisation**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\* Hymn #423: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"**

DUKE STREET

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| <b>1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun<br/>Does its successive journeys run,<br/>His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,<br/>Till moons shall wax and wane no more.</b> | <b>2. To Him shall endless prayer be made,<br/>And praises throng to crown His head;<br/>His name, like sweet perfume shall rise<br/>With every morning sacrifice.</b> |
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3. People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.

4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;  
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blessed.

**\* Commission and Blessing**

*Go out to wrestle with God and the world this week.*

*Know that God intends that you will feel blessed.*

**God keeps covenant with us at all times.**

**We will seek to keep our promises to God.**

*Alleluia.*

**Amen.**

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

**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.**

**Postlude: "Grand Dialogue"**

du Mage

*Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.*

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**August 13, 2023**

**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost  
Back to School and Family Led Worship**

**Sermon: "Motivation"**

**First Reading: Romans 10:5-10**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33**

Are you interested in joining our church family?

**Adventures In Membership**

Sunday | August 6 | 10 am

Join us for worship and stay in the sanctuary with Pastor Rob for a brief Q&A, as we chat about Vanderbilt and what it means to be involved in the ministry of Christ's church.

\*Childcare Available



**Extended Communion for Homebound Congregants**

If you are unable to attend church and would like to receive communion at home, please call Michael Bevilacqua at 612-803-0767.

If you are an ordained Elder or Deacon and would be willing to help with this important ministry, please contact Michael to volunteer.

Other questions?

Call the office - 597-5410



Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

JOHN 6:56, NRSV

VPC

**Summer Sunday School**

Sundays, June 4 - September 4

**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING & TEACHER COMMISSIONING SUNDAY!**



**BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING & TEACHER COMMISSIONING**

August 13, 2023  
10:00 am Family Led  
Worship Service

Join us for family led worship on **August 13 at 10am.** We will celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask God for blessings upon the children, the educators, and the families who support them. Meet our new director of the Vanderbilt Learning Center and our teaching team. Stay for a picnic lunch and ice cream social in Fellowship Hall. Sign up!

[hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org)



Please join us on  
August 15 at  
7pm!

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.

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



We are saddened to announce the death of VPC member, **Scott Wollaston**, on January 16, 2023 and regular attender, **Russell Ramsey** on June 15, 2023. Please keep their families in your prayers at this difficult time.

**Collier Harvest**



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

Email Pete Rodino  
pvrodino@aol.com  
to volunteer!

Monday, August 28, 2023  
4:14pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)  
4:45-6pm - bagging food at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



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.



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



## 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.

Sharon Acx	Marlene Everson	Bob Martin	John Ufheil
Rich Annunziata	Lori Godwin	Jeff Moon	The Wood Family
Loraine Atkinson	Phil Jacobus	Leah Ray	
Linda Bauer	Judy Jacobs	Jodi Reckmeyer	
Jeff Berger	Sandra Johnson	Ron Sieling	
Charlyn Bonk	Chester Kauffman	Lou Thompson	
Adriana Caruso	Robbie Landon	Jerry Tragesser	



### Happy Birthday!

Ro Dill	8/6
Russell Thomas	8/7
Gisela Yingst	8/8
Lance Waters	8/9
Dana Riashi	8/9
Elizabeth Todd	8/12
*Chris Geiser	8/12
Linda Burwinkel	8/12



### Happy Anniversary!

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](mailto: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!"**