



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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**October 22, 2023 10:00 am
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost - Family Led Worship**

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored by the Grider Family - "Fun Fall Festival for us all!"
And in honor of my loving family by an anonymous donor.

The fellowship hour is sponsored by the Grider Family. "Fun Fall Festival for us all!"

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
The Rev. Michael Butler, Guest Preacher
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
Riley Mikes, Youth Liturgist
Mary Lynn Myers, Liturgist
Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Carter Mikes, Youth Acolyte
Greeters: Ruth Felipe & Becky Wheat
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Jane
Repp, George Morton, Sonja Cookson, Reggie
Smith, Carolyn Magarro
Youth Ushers: Samantha Manring & Riley
Mikes

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-9

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² Sing to the LORD; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Prelude: "Aria"

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Helps Outreach

* Call to Worship:

We are drawn to worship by a Reality unseen.

The One we call God is beyond human description.

God is more than we can ever imagine.

We sense God's presence as we meditate.

We are summoned by One who is just and merciful.

The Ruler of all worlds expects us to respond.

How amazing that God chooses us as messengers.

We know God is with us as we work for justice.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #150: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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1. Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice;

Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky;

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end;

Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again;

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain;

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore,

"Alleluia! Amen!"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Awesome God, how puny is our cleverness before the magnitude of your reality! How fleeting are our days measured against the far reaches of eternity! Yet we set our limited knowledge and restricted purposes against your will for us and presume to direct our own affairs and those of the whole world. O God, we are trapped in our pretensions. Turn us from our need for proof to extravagant praise. Turn us inside out so our self-interest becomes concern for all your neglected children. Suppress in us the sinful ways we find so difficult to manage on our own, that we may joyously render to you all that is already yours. *(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.

Children's Anthem: "Awesome God"

Rich Mullins

Alleluia Choir

**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

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our

prayers, constantly³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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Thanks be to God.

Message: “What’s in Your Wallet?”

The Rev. Michael Butler

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Hymn of Peace"

Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

The Chancel Choir

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; Leave to thy God to order and provide. In every change He faithful will remain. Be still my soul: the hour is hastening on when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone. Be still, my soul: When change and tears are past. Be still, my soul: all blessed shall meet at last. Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise; acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways. So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye. Be still, my soul.

*** 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 #434: "Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples"**

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| <p>1. Today we all are called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free,
Make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.</p> | <p>3. Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for
A harmony of peace.</p> |
| <p>2. God made the world and at its birth
Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
We sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
That threatens all of life.</p> | <p>4. May we in service to our God
Act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.</p> |

*** Commission and Blessing**

We have gathered in community to worship God.

Now our service of praise continues in the world.

We have been equipped with the gospel message.

God empowers our outreach wherever we go.

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 A Minor"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

October 29, 2023

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost — Reformation Sunday — Stewardship Sunday

Sermon: "Giving Back to God"

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 — Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46



THANK YOU MICHAEL BUTLER!

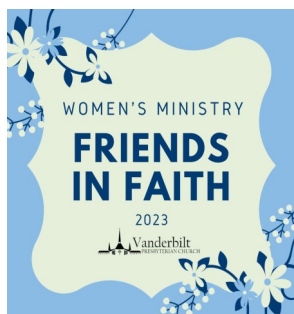
We welcome **The Rev. Michael Butler** to our pulpit today. Rev. Butler is a recently retired United Methodist Pastor who has served churches in Ohio, Indiana, and Florida. He and Pastor Rob serve together on the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance Board of Directors.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Friends in Faith meets on **Wednesday, October 25 at 10am** in

Harp Hall to continue their study of "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. All are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. If you would like the Zoom link, email Lois Ann Foliard

lafolliard@gmail.com.



WORSHIP. EQUIP. SERVE.

Plug In To Family Led Worship

October 22, November 12 & December 17
10:00 a.m.

"I am the vine,
you are the branches."
- John 15:5



PLEASE JOIN US FOR VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S

CHILI COOK-OFF

OCTOBER 25TH
5:30PM-7:00PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL
MUSIC - FOOD - PRIZES

STAY FOR TRUNK OR TREAT 6:00PM-7:00PM

Bring Your Best Batch of Homemade Chili!

PLEASE CONTACT HEATHER TO SIGN UP HMikes@VPCNaples.org

Join us for a Community

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 25
6-7PM

Reserve your spot by Oct. 22
hmikes@vpcnaples.org

5:30pm Chili Cook-Off

- Please arrive between 4:30pm and 5:30pm to get parked and decorate your trunk.
- All are welcome to enjoy the chili cook-off at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Be ready to hand out candy by 6:00pm.
- Family event: Non-scary costumes and decorations only.
- Vehicles must remain parked until the event is over at 7:15pm.

Vanderbilt PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP A STUDENT? NEW HORIZONS IS LOOKING FOR TUTORS!

As a volunteer Tutor & Mentor, assist students once a week, Monday through Thursday, during the school year. You may tutor based on your preferred age range or during the time that suits you best.



For more information:
www.newhorizonsofswfl.org

NEW HORIZONS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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St. Matthew's House is dedicated to helping fight against hunger, homelessness and addiction.

They are in need of donations:
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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MISSION PARTNER

Thank you, **Pastor Dan Hardy**, for sharing during our Moment for Mission. He represents **Helps Outreach**, one of our missions that we serve with time, talent and treasure. Take a moment to stop at the table in the Narthex to find out more about this amazing foundation and to greet our guest.

HELPS OUTREACH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION

- **HELPS OUTREACH:** On **Sunday, October 22**, the Helps Outreach truck will be at VPC before our 10am service to load it up with food donations. Drop off at the office or VLC!
- **COLLIER HARVEST** is looking for drivers to deliver frozen turkeys and hams to the schools they serve for families in need to enjoy on Thanksgiving and Christmas. They need drivers on **Tuesday, November 14** and **Tuesday, December 12 at 8:30am**. Our next packing event is **Monday, October 23 at 4:45pm**. For more information or to volunteer, email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.com.
- **CAFÉ OF LIFE:** Join us on **Friday, October 27 at 9am** to serve a meal to those in need. For more information, email Eliza Nevin: elizanevin@comcast.net.

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.

Loraine Atkinson	Marlene Everson	Doris Martin	Chris Wood and Family The Wynn Family
Bob Bearden	The Dave Glynn Family	Cathy Nathan	
Adriana Caruso	Kimberly Gould-Blackwell	Laura Piipponen	
Dick Clark	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Leah Ray	
Barbara & Bob Coughlin	Bunny Heitmann	Donna Riley	
Dick Creviston	Sandra Johnson	Pete Schwiers	
Nancy Diederich	Chester Kauffman	Shannon Simmons	
Kira Dietrich	The John Kennedy Family	Lou Thompson	



Happy Birthday!

Tom Grundstrom	10/15
John McMaster	10/23
Leslie Loughran	10/25
*Devon Grider	10/25
Chuck Henry	10/25
Ashley Lowe	10/26
Merle James Wylie	10/26
Jeremy Barber	10/26
Jason Heimberger	10/26
Shelby Gallo	10/27
John Roth	10/27
Todd Truax	10/28
Gregory Hudson	10/28

Happy Anniversary!

Herb Nelson & Peggy Paulsen	10/23
Peter DeBaun & Jill Peterson	10/24
Bill & Chloe Cornell	10/24
Chuck & Barbara Henry	10/24

***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!

By showing that Christ strengthens us in our weakness and limitations, **Stephen Ministers** help their care receivers recognize their strengths. Jesus Christ is in you, with you, above you, beside you, behind you, and for you.



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. **239-597-5410**
- Go to www.vpcnaples.org/live/ to view our Livestreamed worship.
- Questions? Check our weekly email: **"Week at a Glance!"** every **Monday** morning.