



**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 29, 2023 10:00 am**

**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost - Reformation Sunday**

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored by the Ron & Linda Addaman.

The fellowship hour is sponsored by the Stewardship Team.

“Our Time, Our Talents and Our Treasures!”

*All of the music this morning is dedicated to the memory of Ali Frimpter, long time choir member and trumpet student of Matt Sonneborn. Ali died in August and a memorial service was held on Cape Cod, MA.*

**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**  
**Julie Borden, Children's Moment**  
**Janie Ballurio, Liturgist**  
**Matthew Sonneborn, Trumpeter**

**Stanley Leonard, Timpanist**  
**Julie Carver, Pianist**  
**The Chancel Choir**  
**Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician**  
**Greeters:** Barbara Hebert & Priscilla Kutler  
**Ushers:** Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Joe  
Trees, Tim Hall, Becky Wheat

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 1

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,  
<sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.  
<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,  
<sup>6</sup> for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Prelude:** From *Water Music Suite* "Air in F Major" and "Hornpipe" G.F. Handel, arr. Leonard Stanley Leonard, *Timpani* & Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

### Announcements

### Moment for Stewardship

#### \* Call to Worship:

*We gather together to hear stories of faith and courage.*

*Listen for the ways God has acted among us.*

**Our ancestors in the faith listened for God's word.**

**They dared to believe God's promises.**

*Many felt God's love in knowing Jesus.*

*They experienced a new relationship with neighbors.*

**We have come seeking community centered in Christ.**

**We want to feel God's presence as we worship.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #260: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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| <b>1. A mighty fortress is our God,<br/>a bulwark never failing;<br/>Our helper He, amid the flood<br/>of mortal ills prevailing:<br/>For still our ancient foe<br/>doth seek to work us woe;<br/>His craft and power are great,<br/>and, armed with cruel hate,<br/>On earth is not his equal.</b> | <b>2. Did we in our own strength confide,<br/>our striving would be losing;<br/>Were not the right Man on our side,<br/>the Man of God's own choosing:<br/>Dost ask who that may be?<br/>Christ Jesus, it is He;<br/>Lord Sabaoth, His Name,<br/>from age to age the same,<br/>And He must win the battle.</b> |
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3. And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through Him Who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, we have missed your signs and wonders because we are so busy creating our own. Those around us who pretend to be your prophets offer little to which we aspire. Yet, we would pray with the psalmist, "Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so we may rejoice and be glad all our days." Where is the meaning we have missed in all our striving? Does Jesus hold the key when he says, "Love God with all your being," and "Love your neighbor as yourself?" O God, we long to make sense out of life. Help us to follow your way.  
*(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

Julie Borden

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

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

*<sup>1</sup> You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup> but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup> but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, <sup>6</sup> nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup> though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup> So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

*<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." <sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." <sup>43</sup> He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" ' ? <sup>45</sup> "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: "Giving Back to God"**

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

### \* The Affirmation of Faith

(from the Belhar Confession)

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Ordination and Installation of Officers

## Offering

**Offertory:** "Soon and Very Soon"

Andraé Crouch (1942-2012)

The Chancel Choir

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, Hallelujah!  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King!

**\* 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 #417: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"**

REGENT SQUARE

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| <b>1. Christ is made the sure foundation,<br/>Christ the head and cornerstone,<br/>Chosen of the Lord and precious,<br/>Binding all the church in one;<br/>Holy Zion's help forever,<br/>And our confidence alone.</b>   | <b>3. Here bestow to all Your servants<br/>What they ask of You to gain,<br/>What they gain from You forever<br/>With the blessed to retain,<br/>And hereafter in Your glory<br/>Evermore with You to reign.</b> |
| <b>2. To this temple, where we call You,<br/>Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;<br/>With Your wonted lovingkindness<br/>Hear Your people as they pray.<br/>And Your fullest benediction<br/>Shed within its walls always.</b> | <b>4. Laud and honor to the Father,<br/>Laud and honor to the Son,<br/>Laud and honor to the Spirit,<br/>Ever Three and ever one;<br/>One in might and one in glory<br/>While unending ages run.</b>             |

**\* Commission and Blessing**

*Now we go out with courage, entrusted with the gospel.*

*We carry good news of God's love to our neighbors.*

**We will be gentle with others as God is gentle with us.**

**We offer tender care in the spirit of Jesus.**

*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 to The Te Deum"**

Marc Antoine Charpentier (1643 - 1704)

Stanley Leonard, *Timpani* & Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

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

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**November 5, 2023— Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost —All Saint's Sunday**

**Sermon: "On Being Blessed"**

**First Reading: 1 John 31:1-3 — Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12**

**Giving Back to God**

2024 Annual Stewardship



*Thank you for your prayerful consideration.*

**THANK YOU!**  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Special thanks to everyone who participated in our Chili Cook-off and Trunk or Treat!

We had a delicious, fun, and safe gathering for all people in our church and community.

Check out the Week-at-a-Glance on Monday, October 30th for photos!

Vanderbilt PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Thank you* ❤️ **Our blood drive was a great success!**  
**Thank you for helping to save lives!!**

**VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • 10/15/23**

**16 PEOPLE REGISTERED**  
**14 UNITS COLLECTED**  
**42 LIVES SAVED!**

**We couldn't save lives without your support!**



Are you interested in joining our church family?



## Adventures In Membership

Sunday,  
November 5 - 11:15am

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

**REMINDER!**  
Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 4, 2023  
On Sunday, November 5, 2023  
Daylight Saving Time ends!

## Join us for the Gratitude Potluck!

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

5pm - Worship in Sanctuary

5:30pm - Potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall

Sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or email Heather Mikes at [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org) to sign up and bring a dish to share.

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!"*

*-Psalm 107:1*



## Collier Harvest

Mission Opportunities

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

Monday, November 13, 2023

4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)

4:45-6pm - bagging food at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



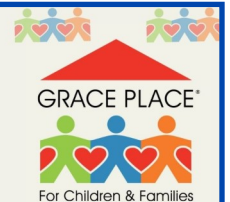
Email Pete Rodino [pvrodino@aol.com](mailto:pvrodino@aol.com) to volunteer!

Grace Place needs YOU!

Volunteers are needed to help with the Food Pantry on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 12-4pm.

Email Colleen to sign up!

Do you want to help?  
Email Colleen for more information!  
[Colleen.durham@graceplacenaples.org](mailto:Colleen.durham@graceplacenaples.org)



Save the date

Ladies Christmas Tea  
Saturday,  
December 2, 2023  
11.00 a.m.

All girls, young women and ladies are invited.  
Children, youth and adults!  
Look for more information, coming soon!



Have you signed up for Lunch Bunch yet?  
Join us! Our next lunch is on Sunday November 12th!

After Fellowship Hour, small groups will meet for lunch at a restaurant around noon.



## 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	The John Kennedy Family	Donna Riley
Bob Bearden	Marie Geiser	Robbie Landon	Sam & Marilyn Scheller
Adriana Caruso	The Dave Glynn Family	Doris Martin	Pete Schwiers
Dick Clark	Kimberly Gould-Blackwell	Miranda	Shannon Simmons
Barbara & Bob Coughlin	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Joan Mountford	Lou Thompson
Dick Creviston	Bunny Heitmann	Cathy Nathan	Chris Wood and Family
Nancy Diederich	Sandra Johnson	Laura Piipponen	The Wynn Family
Kira Dietrich	Chester Kauffman	Leah Ray	

### Happy Birthday!

Tom Grundstrom	10/15
*Evangeline Mikes	10/31
Bill Shouldice	10/31
*Doug Dunn	11/1
Rob Kaderly	11/1
Olivia Trees	11/2
Jim Folliard	11/3
Harriet Shouldice	11/3

### Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.



**\*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!

**Stephen Ministers** can help by listening to feelings of grief as they are gradually replaced by warm memories. This reminds us of Jesus' promise : "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."  
Matthew 5:4

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