

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 5, 2023 10:00 am

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost - All Saint's Sunday

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored by the members of Friends in Faith, with warmest affection for Pastor Rob and his family and in honor of Mrs. Rita Marrow and in loving memory of Ellen Alexander by her family.

The fellowship hour is sponsored by Friends in Faith.
"In honor of the church staff, our present day saints."

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*
Pat Rose, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*

Greeters: CC Waskey & Priscilla Kutler
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Reggie Smith, Doug Dunn, George Morton, Nancy Guthy
Communion Servers: Jill Dunn, Dave & Stacia Hinkler, Jan Fern, Joan Butler, Price & Carol Lindsay, Pete Rodino, Mary Lynn Myers, Steve Woodring, Pat Rose

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 43

- ¹ Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people;
from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me!
- ² For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off?
Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?
- ³ O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
- ⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.
- ⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Prelude: Preludes on “For All the Saints” and “O Holy City, Seen of John” Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Announcements

Moment for Stewardship and Endowment

* Call to Worship:

Come, all who hunger and thirst for truth.

Come to experience God's presence in community.

We have been called together as children of God.

What we may grow to become is not yet revealed.

Taste and know the Creator's goodness.

Take refuge in the One who supplies all you need.

God is present with us here and everywhere we go.

May our worship here inspire continuing praise.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #526: “For All the Saints”

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| <p>1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> <p>2. Thou wast their rock,
their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear,
their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> | <p>3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> <p>4. From earth's wide bounds,
From ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Saving God, save us from ourselves. Rescue us from the fears that keep us from following where Jesus leads or trusting in your guidance. We have not hungered and thirsted for righteousness. We have not been pure in heart or humble-minded. We do not risk an unpopular witness or step bravely into the role of peacemaker. Our words and deeds do not praise you. Our worship lacks passion and conviction. We seek you now, O God. Redeem your children and fill us with the radiance of your self-giving love. *(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

I John 3:1-3

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "On Being Blessed"

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: "Crossing the Bar"

C. Hubert H. Parry (1948-1918)

The Chancel Choir

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea, But such a tide as moving seems asleep, Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, When I embark; For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crost the bar.

* 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

Remembrance of the Saints

Number us among your saints, O God, and join us with the faithful of every age, especially the saints whose lives we remember and celebrate this day:

Lillian Walker	11/10/2022	Loren Warner	4/15/2023	Al Starr	8/06/2023
Loren Dawley	11/20/2022	Carol Schwiers	4/24/2023	Suzanne Smith	8/10/2023
Jean Lee	11/25/2022	Millicent Marshall	5/02/2023	Rose Wendler	8/18/2023
Gary Shepherd	12/14/2022	Arline Kirk	5/13/2023	Ali Frimpter	8/20/2023
Judy Oehler	12/24/2022	Jane Little	5/27/2023	Kay Winemiller	9/04/2023
Scott Wollaston	1/16/2023	Barbara Lang	6/01/2023	Phil Jacobus	9/19/2023
James Edward Gates	1/27/2023	Pat Jansen	6/14/2023	Janet Kassing	10/15/2023
Judy Malone	2/25/2023	Nancy Hansen	6/18/2023		
Marge Piano	4/13/2023	Jack Ufheil	8/05/2023		

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. - Psalm 116:15

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

Julie Carver

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, in this holy feast, you have made us one with Christ and with the great multitude of the faithful - Those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn #451: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

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1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!

Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,

Refrain:

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song,

Refrain:

4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,

Refrain:

* Commission and Blessing

We are joined by people of every nation and tongue.

Let us celebrate the diversity of our gifts.

We rejoice in our kinship with all God's children.

Each of us has a contribution to make.

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: "Litanies"

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

'When the Christian soul is in distress and cannot find any fresh words to implore God's mercy, it repeats the same prayer unceasingly with overwhelming faith. The limit of reason is past. It is faith alone which propels its ascent.'

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

November 12, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

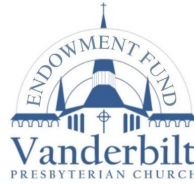
Sermon: "Foolishness"

First Reading: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13



RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE.
ENSURE THE FUTURE OF VPC.
MAKE A PLANNED GIFT.



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When we offer our resources to God's Kingdom, miraculous multiplication of ministry can occur. By offering what we have, no matter how insignificant it may appear, we are trusting that God will provide and will use our offering for abundant good.

Giving Back to God

2024 Annual Stewardship



Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

If you have a question, contact a member of the **Endowment Fund Ministry Team**: Steve Blad, Julie Borden, *Chair*, Debbie Dawley, Doug Dunn, Don Fern, Steve Kutler, Jon White & Jackie Woodring.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Collier Harvest:** **Monday, November 13 at 4:15 pm** (heavy lifting) **4:45 pm** (packing). Email Pete Rodino with questions or to volunteer pvrodino@aol.com.
- **Grace Place:** Volunteers are needed to help with the Food Pantry on **Friday, November 12 from 12-4 pm**. Email Colleen for more information or to volunteer, colleen.durham@graceplacenaples.org.
- **Café of Life:** Join us on **Friday, November 24 at 9 am** to serve a meal to those in need. Email Eliza Nevin elizanevin@comcast.net.

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Adventures in Membership (AIM):** **Sunday, November 5 at 11:15 am** in Schock Chapel.
- **Wednesday Night Lights:** Join us for our next gathering on **Wednesday, November 8 at 5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall.
- **Lunch Bunch:** **Sunday, November 12 at noon**. Sign up today in Fellowship Hall.
- **Gratitude Potluck:** Everyone is welcome to attend! **Wednesday, November 15**. Worship at **5 pm** in the Sanctuary, Potluck dinner at **5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Sign up today in Fellowship Hall.
- **Ladies Christmas Tea:** Save the date! **Saturday, December 2 at 11 am** in Fellowship Hall.

The 2023-2024 Concert Series at Vanderbilt



November 19, 2023 at 4 p.m. Wojciech Wojtasiewicz, Organ

Wojtasiewicz will play works of Bach, Franck and Vierne and bring his own special flair to the Lively Fulcher organ at Vanderbilt!



Pick up a brochure for a full list of concerts. Copies are available in the Office or the Narthex.

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	Dick Creviston	Sandra Johnson	Cathy Nathan
Linda Bauer	Nancy Diederich	Chester Kauffman	Laura Piipponen
Bob Bearden	Jim & Marlene Everson	The John Kennedy Family	Sam & Marilyn Scheller
Adriana Caruso	Marie Geiser	Robbie Landon	Pete Schwiers
Dick Clark	The Dave Glynn Family	Doris Martin	Lou Thompson
	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Miranda	Dan Westerlund
	Bunny Heitmann	Joan Mountford	Chris Wood and Family

Happy Birthday!

*George Morton	11/7
Linda Firestone	11/8
Linda Teti	11/8
Myrna Carew	11/9
*Bill Payne	11/10
*Jim Hawkins	11/10
Barbara Henry	11/10
*Michael Bevilacqua	11/10

***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!



Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Janet Kassing** on October 15, 2023 at the age of 84. Janet and her husband, Bob, have been members of VPC for over seventeen years. Please keep her family in your prayers at this tender time.*

Cards may be sent to Bob:
4750 Aston Gardens Way
#210,
Naples, FL 34109



"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." Romans: 8:28

Stephen Ministers rely on God to speak through them to tell them what a grieving person needs to hear.

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)

COL Jessica D. Grassetti

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

1st LT Jacob Guzman

US Army—Seattle, WA
(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.