

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 19, 2023 10:00 am

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost — Dedication Sunday

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of Loren Dawley by his loving family and by the Grider Family.

The fellowship hour is sponsored by the Grider Family,
“Enjoy the start of a blessed Thanksgiving.”

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, Moment for Children
Gwen Salyer, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist
The Chancel Choir
Devon Grider, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Ruth Felipe & Priscilla Kutler
Ushers: Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Price & Carol Lindsay, Steve Blad, Anne Smith

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 90:1-8

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷ For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

Prelude: "Voluntary in C Major"

Richard Peek (1927-2005)

Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

* Call to Worship:

Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God.

Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

God's love surrounds us here today.

God calls us to be children of light.

Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance.

Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

We are here to build up one another.

May our worship encourage each of us today.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #559: "We Gather Together"

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| <p>1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make
known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from
distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His
own.</p> <p>2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were</p> | <p>winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be
Thine!</p> <p>3. We all do extol Thee, Thou leader
triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender will
be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make
us free!</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

We are reluctant to face your judgment, all-knowing God. We know we have not fully invested the talents you have entrusted to us. We hide them and hoard them, retreating into a false sense of security. We live in the nighttime of self-protection rather than in the light of full participation in loving, faithful service. We seek to escape your wrath by shrinking from life rather than investing ourselves in the tasks to which you call us. Have mercy on us, O God. We want to be children of the day—your day. Help us! *(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 5:1-5

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "You are So Talented"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith:**

adapted from the Confession of 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

Presentation of Estimates of Giving

Pledge Dedication

Offering

Offertory: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

arr. Richard Erickson

The Chancel Choir

I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus. God sent the stars to give light to the world The star of my life is Jesus. In Him, there is no darkness at all, The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God, Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path And show me the way to the Father. I want to see the brightness of God I want to look at Jesus. I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.

*** 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 #555: "Now Thank We All Our God"**

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| <p>1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.</p> <p>2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;</p> | <p>And keep us in God's grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.</p> <p>3. All praise and thanks to God,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son
And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God,
Whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is,
And shall be evermore.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

As another week unfolds, continue to look up.

Dare to invest yourself for the sake of others.

God will go with us to uplift our spirits.

We will pass on to others the encouragement God gives.

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.

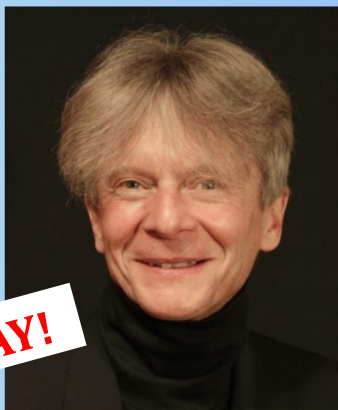
Postlude: "Rondo Recessional"

Janis Dunson Wilson (b. 1958)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

**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!



TODAY!

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

Sermon: "Lord, When Was it That We Saw You?"

First Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Join us for an Interfaith

Thanksgiving
service

Pastor Rob will join with other faith leaders in Collier County to give thanks and pray with one united voice.



Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00pm
Temple Shalom
4630 Pine Ridge Rd, Naples, FL 34119

sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida



Here at Vanderbilt we have



learn more about the Heifer Fair

on Sunday, 11/26 during worship.



Support transformational change from the ground up. Our projects provide animals, training and basic necessities to help families lift themselves out of poverty.

Christmas TOY Drive!

Every Christmas, VPC delights in our Toy Drive, bringing joy to deserving children in need.

Toys will go to the Salvation Army & Mision Peniel.



Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the office, church or school by Sunday, December 10, 2023.

- **Café of Life: Friday, November 24 at 9 am** serve a meal to those in need. elizanevin@comcast.net.
- **Weekend Power Pack:** We are accepting donations for WPP. Join us to pack on **Thursday, December 7 at 10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall.
- Support **The Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance**. They provide housing for the community's most vulnerable residents. Mark IFHA.



stephen *"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain the resurrection of the dead."* - Philippians 12:15
 Part of what it means to share in Christ's suffering is to share in the suffering of those whom Christ loves.

Ladies! Join us for fellowship and tea to ring in the holidays!

Ladies Christmas Tea
Saturday, December 2, 2023
at 11:00 a.m.



All girls, young women and ladies are invited.
 Children, youth and adults!
 Wear fancy finery!
 A free-will donation will be collected to benefit Misión Peniel.
 Sign up in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or call the office at 597-5410.

Studying "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Anne Gamble


WOMEN'S MINISTRY
FRIENDS IN FAITH
 2023

Wednesday, November 29
 10am
 Harp Hall



Join the VPC Book Club!

We meet on the third Monday of each month, starting November 20th at 1:30pm in Harp Hall. Are you out of town? You can Zoom into the meeting!



We will be discussing
Horse
 by Geraldine Brooks

For more information, email Peggy Landon mlandon711@gmail.com


Mission Opportunities



Volunteers from VPC are scheduled to serve at Misión Peniel on both **December 8th and 15th.**
 If you can help, please email Karen Chappler at kchappler@aol.com.

Volunteers Needed

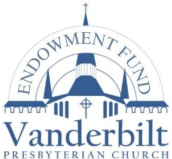
Giving Back to God
 2024 Annual Stewardship



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We invite you to dedicate poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. Complete the form in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate with payment or return to the office with your donation (any amount). Donors names will be included in the Christmas Eve worship service bulletins.
Please send your donation and dedication by 12/10.

**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.

Questions?

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.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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



Happy Birthday!

*Pete Rodino	11/20
Dave Hinkler	11/21
Fran Lauriat	11/23
Scarlett Mullen	11/23
West Reardon	11/23
*Herb Nelson	11/25

Happy Anniversary!

Ted & Jane Beisler	11/19
Herb & Marciadee Newman	11/23
Lou & Mary Thompson	11/24
Max & Pat Gould	11/25

Pray for *peace* in the Middle East

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the humanitarian needs developing in the Middle East following the terror attacks and military action in Israel and Palestine. If you would like to contribute in support of their work, please send a check to the church or give online (vpcnaples.org), adding "Disaster Response" in the memo line.



"Anything that costs you your *peace* is too expensive" unknown

***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.

<p>ENSIGN Francis Alvares US Navy, Pensacola, FL (Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)</p> <p>MSgt Kristopher Chesslo USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)</p> <p>LT Wyatt R. Dawley US Navy Intel/SEAL Team (Debbie Dawley's grandson)</p>	<p>MAJ Allen Fujinaka US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)</p> <p>COL Jessica D. Grassetti (Claudia Polzin's niece)</p> <p>1st LT Jacob Guzman US Army—Seattle, WA (Cesar Guzman's son)</p>	<p>CPTN Devon Hennessey Korea (Toni Hubbard)</p> <p>SGT Wesley Kennedy USMC - Okinawa, Japan</p> <p>MAJ Rex Rafferty USAF—Alabama (Norm & Linda Parker's granddaughter's husband)</p>
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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.