

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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July 21, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in celebration of our 57th wedding anniversary by Doug & Jill Dunn.

The flowers on the chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored by the Grider Family in celebration of the beginning of Vacation Bible School tomorrow!

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
Molly Godley, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), David & Susan Aufderhaar, Joan Butler, Carolyn Magarro

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Prelude: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Robert Lau (b. 1943)

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Christ says, come away to a deserted place

And rest a while.

God calls us to quiet and rest,

Even as we continue to minister to those in need.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #441: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

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| 1. I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The church our blessed Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood. | To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end. |
| 2. I love Thy church, O God;
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand. | 4. Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise. |
| 3. For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend; | 5. Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of Heaven. |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. *(silence)*
Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

This is 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.

Commissioning of Vacation Bible School Volunteers Responsive Reading

Leader: At Scuba VBS, we will learn that God is a friend who is real. In John 6:69, God's word says,

VBS Volunteers: "We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God"

People: Thanks, God!

At Scuba VBS, we will learn that God is a friend who loves. In John 13:34, God's word says,

"Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."

Thanks, God!

At Scuba VBS, we will learn that God is a friend we can trust. In John 14:27, God's word says,

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart."

Thanks, God!

At Scuba VBS, we will learn that God is a friend forever. In John 11:25, God's word says,

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."

Thanks, God!

At Scuba VBS, we will learn that God is a friend for everyone. In John 3:16, God's word says,

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

Thanks, God!

At Scuba VBS we will discover what it means to have a friendship with a real, loving, trustworthy God—a friendship that lasts forever!

Bible study, prayer and teamwork are aids in our walk with God. We promise to commit to this preparation as we strive to share God's love with the children.

We promise to pray for each of you as you prepare to serve God during Vacation Bible School this week.

Prayer

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "An Attempt at Rest"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** Affirmation of Faith**

from a Declaration of Faith

We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Us Peace)

arr. Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

The Chancel Choir

*** 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 #326: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"**

MORECAMBE

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| <p>1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth,
through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.</p> <p>2. Hast Thou not bid us
love Thee, God and King;
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength
and mind?
I see Thy cross;
there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!</p> | <p>3. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience
of unanswered prayer.</p> <p>4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing:**

We have been restored in the worship of our God.

We have no fear, for God is with us.

We are dwelling in the house of the Lord —

Let us be God's banquet for one another!

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: "Praeludium in D Major"

Johann K. F. Fischer (1665-1746)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



Weekend Power Pack!

Join us at our packing party!
Thursday, August 8th at 10:30am
in Fellowship Hall.

We need financial donations!

Please send any amount and put WPP in the memo
www.vpcnaples.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Contact Becky Wheat at sportbroad@comcast.net.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

July 28, 2024 — 10:00 am

Family Led Worship

VBS Celebration

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: "Abundance"

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21



I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD,
HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER
WALK IN THE DARKNESS
BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.

JOHN 8:12 NIV

Vanderbilt Ladies Who Lunch

All single ladies are welcome to join our group for luncheon, conversation, and friendship at a Naples restaurant on the second Monday of each month! We look forward to meeting you soon! Please email Barbara Hebert for all the details!

barbillsr@aol.com

Pastor's Bible Study

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE UPCOMING READINGS FOR WORSHIP.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO REFLECT ON THE WORD OF GOD!



**WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS AT 6PM
IN THE LIBRARY**

PSALM 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

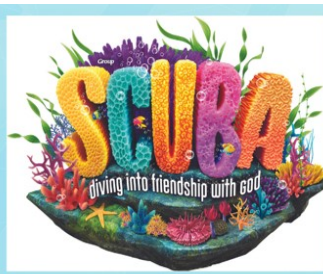
STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jesus is the wounded healer, both the patient and the Great Physician. Christ is present in both the **Stephen Minister** and the care receiver. He knows what suffering is all about. And he knows how to bring healing.

*"But He was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our
iniquities; the punishment
that brought us peace was
on him, and by his wounds
we are healed."*

- Isaiah 53:5





VBS Mission Project June 28 - July 28

**We are collecting school supplies and backpacks for our mission partners:
Grace Place and Misión Peniel.**

We hope this year's VBS Mission Project will help alleviate some of the financial stress for families and ensure their children (K-12th grade) have what they need for a successful school year.

Thank you!

Join us for VBS Volunteer Commissioning, July 21 at 10am.

**VBS CELEBRATION SUNDAY
JULY 28, 2024**

**10:00 A.M. WORSHIP,
SING VBS SONGS & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**6:00 P.M.
SUNSET BEACH PARTY
AT VANDERBILT BEACH**

*BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!
WEAR YOUR CAMP SHIRT!*

**Vanderbilt
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

WORSHIP. EQUIP. SERVE.

Plug In To Family Led Worship

July 28 (VBS Celebration Sunday)
August 18 (Back to School Blessing)
September 8 (Fall Education Kick Off)
10:00 a.m.

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.

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



Celebrate your birthday with your church family!

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!



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



Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Donna Mullin
Kate Hafner	Ivana Novelli
Sandra Johnson	Linda Parker
Peg Black	Ralph Jones
Vito Carparelli	Chester & Janet Kauffman
Adriana Caruso	Bill Koppelkam
Bill Chandley	The Family of Walter Lee
Bob & Jan Conrad	The Lucarelli Family
Dick Creviston	Liz Lynn
Bill & Joyce Dersch	Doris Martin
Asia Elsbree	Dan Meeuwssen
Joe Feddern	Mark Miller
Joe Felipe	Terry Morehouse



Happy Birthday!

Barbara Dominguez	7/21
Richard Hood	7/21
Sharon Wylie	7/22
Jon White	7/23
*Michele Yovanovich	7/23
John Monda	7/24
Karen Negri	7/24
Courtney Lowe	7/26
Donald Throckmorton	7/27

*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!

Doug & Jill Dunn	7/22
Oscar & Elizabeth Lowe	7/24
Lynn & Shar Rosser	7/24
Craig & Amber Grider	7/25
Jonas & Christine Rockhold	7/25
Joe & Ruth Felipe	7/25
Karen & Joseph Negri	7/27



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)

E4 Brian Guzman

USAF - Colorado (Cesar Guzman's son)

SGT Jacob Guzman

US Army-Tennessee (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)

LCPL Michael Russell

USMC - Cape Lejeune, NC
(Heather Anderson's son)

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

Please let the office know if you are in the hospital. **239-597-5410**