



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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August 4, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of my husband,
John (Jack) Ufheil, by Rosemary.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
The Rev. Dr. James Berger, *Guest 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*
Susie Hilton, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Barbara Hebert & Pat Gagliano
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head
Ushers), David & Susan Aufderhaar, Steve Blad,
Anne Smith
Communion Servers: Joan Butler, Karen
Chappler, Joe & Sharon Doggett, Max Gould,
Price & Carol Lindsay, Tim Riggers, Ellen
Tanner, Becky Wheat

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 78:23-29

- ²³ Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven;
²⁴ he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven.
²⁵ Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.
²⁶ He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;
²⁷ he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;
²⁸ he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.
²⁹ And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

Prelude: Chorale Variations on "What God Ordains is Best"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;

He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

To provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #469: "Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

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| 1. Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word! | 2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass. | 3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day! |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Almighty God, We confess that we are reluctant to seek your guidance. Forgive our taking you for granted and neglecting our relationship with you. Grant us your forgiveness, and open us to fresh insights of your love. For we pray this in the name of Jesus our Lord. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Believe the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*** 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

Proverbs 9:1-6

¹ Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her animals; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her female servants; she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴ "You who are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, ⁵ "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Lay aside immaturity and live, and walk in the way of insight."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:15-20

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will know them by their fruits."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "God's Fruit-O-Meter"

The Rev. Dr. Jim Berger

*** 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: "Come, Risen Lord"

SURSUM CORDA

The Chancel Choir

Words to the anthem can be found on page 503 of the hymnal.

*** 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

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

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Hymn #525: "Here I am, Lord"**

HERE I AM LORD

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| <p>1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people pray,
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?
<i>Refrain:</i>
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.</p> | <p>2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone.
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send? <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send? <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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*** Benediction and Blessing:**

The Rev. Dr. Jim Berger

*** 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: "Toccata in C Major"

Pachelbel

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

August 11, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher

First Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel Reading: John 6:35, 41-51

*We are saddened to announce the death of
VPC member, **Dan Meeuwsen**,
on July 29, 2024 at the age of 89.*

*Dan and his wife, Sally, have been members
of Vanderbilt for over 19 years.*

*Please keep Sally and his family, in your
prayers. Memorial arrangements are still in
the planning stages.*



*To send a card
to Sally:
10380 Quail
Crown Dr.
Naples, FL
34119*

THANK YOU REV. DR. JAMES BERGER

GUEST PREACHER FOR TODAY

The Rev. Dr. James Berger is an Honorably Retired member of Peace River Presbytery. Originally from Cherry Hill, NJ, he attended Westminster College, Fuller Theological Seminary and San Francisco Theological Seminary. During his 49 years in the ministry, he served in extremely diverse settings: Associate Pastor of the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, in Petersburg, Alaska as a mission pastor, and for the Church of Scotland serving St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk in Nassau, The Bahamas. Locally, he has served at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, Hope United Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Lehigh Acres, Chapel By The Sea on Fort Myers Beach, Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church and Faith Presbyterian Church in Cape Coral.

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

LUNCH BUNCH

Sign up to join us for lunch!
Small groups gather at a local
restaurant to enjoy lunch at 12pm.
Sign up on Sunday mornings during
Fellowship Hour or call the office.

Our next date is:
August 11, 2024

JOIN US

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS FIN-TASTIC!



One of the most inspiring things about VBS is watching God work among us and through us! The body of Christ comes together to serve God's children. With the support of our amazing staff and more than 55 volunteers, we hosted 118 happy campers this year.

Thank you families for trusting us with your children.

Thank you volunteers for sharing your time, talent and treasure.

Thank you all for sharing God's love, for your prayers and donations, for encouraging one another and building each other up!



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Stephen Ministers open the door for care receivers to express their spiritual needs, through an atmosphere of acceptance.

We are here for you!



Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church BLOOD DRIVE

Sun. Aug. 11
9 AM - 12 PM

1225 Piper Blvd. Naples, FL 34110
Hosted by NCH Community Blood Center

Sign-up by calling:
239-597-5410

DID YOU KNOW?
Every 2 seconds someone needs blood.
you can do it!
3 people can potentially be saved with 1 blood donation.

Extended Communion for Homebound Congregants

If you are unable to attend church and would like to receive communion at home, please call the office at 239-597-5410.

If you are an ordained Elder or Deacon and would be willing to help with this important ministry, we need volunteers.



Sharing God's love!



Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

JOHN 6:56, NRSV

Collier Harvest

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

Email Pete Rodino
pvrodino@aol.com
to volunteer!



Monday, August 26, 2024

4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)

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



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.



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.

PRAYER list

Peg Black	Joe Felipe	Donna Mullin
Vito Carparelli	Henry Gaylord	Ivana Novelli
Adriana Caruso	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Laura Piipponen
The Chandley Family	Kate Hafner	Eddie Roche
Bob & Jan Conrad	Sandra Johnson	Father Monty Sayers
Dick Creviston	Joyce	Harriet Shouldice
Bill & Joyce Dersch	Chester & Janet Kauffman	Jocelyn Stein
Asia Elsbree	The Lucarelli Family	Bruce & Heidi Stryker
Joe Feddern	Doris Martin	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
	Robert Mazzola	Carol Ward
	The Meeuwsen Family	Bill Waskey
	Mark Miller	Marion Wayenberg
	Terry Morehouse	Chris Wood & Family



Happy Birthday!

Jan Fern	8/5
Ann Parker Foote	8/5
*Beth Marrow	8/5
Norman Parker	8/5
Ro Dill	8/6
Russ Thomas	8/7
*Gisela Yingst	8/8
Lance Waters	8/9
Dana Riashi	8/9



Happy Anniversary!

Donald & Joanna Throckmorton	8/4
Laura & Jeff Piipponen	8/4
John & Connie Weiss	8/7
Brent & Erin Klein	8/9
Bruce & Chris Muddell	8/10

***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!

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**