



# 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 11, 2024 — 10:00 am

### The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of my husband, Scott, by Joan Elliott.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Barbara Hebert in loving memory of her husband, Bill Hebert, and in honor of his birthday.

### 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**  
**Mary Lynn Myers, Liturgist**

**Julie Carver, Pianist**  
**The Chancel Choir**  
**Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician**  
**Greeters:** Bill & Geri Payne  
**Ushers:** Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Ron & Linda Addaman, Dick Clark, Carolyn Magarro

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 34:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.  
<sup>3</sup> O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.  
<sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.  
<sup>5</sup> Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
<sup>6</sup> This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was saved from every trouble.  
<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.  
<sup>8</sup> O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**Prelude:** "Aria" in C Major

Phil Lehenbauer (b. 1960)

### Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship:

*I will bless the Lord at all times;*

**His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

*O magnify the Lord with me,*

**And let us exalt God's name together.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #229: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

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| <p><b>1. From all that dwell below the skies<br/>Let the Creator's praise arise:<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Let the Redeemer's name be sung<br/>Through every land, in every tongue.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>2. In every land begin the song,<br/>To every land the strains belong:<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>In cheerful sound all voices raise<br/>And fill the world with joyful praise.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!</b></p> | <p><b>3. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;<br/>Eternal truth attends Thy Word:<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,<br/>Till suns rise and set no more.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!</b></p> |
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### Call to Confession

## **Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. *(silence)* Amen.**

## **Affirmation of Forgiveness**

*Let us put away bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.*

**Thanks be to God. 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**

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

*<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** "It is Well With My Soul"

arr. Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

**The Gospel Reading**

John 6:35, 41-51

*<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**\* The Affirmation of Faith**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** "When in Our Music God is Glorified"

Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924)

The Chancel Choir

The text for this anthem is found in the hymnal at page 264.

**\* 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 #415: "Come, Labor On"**

ORA LABORA

1. Come, labor on.  
Who dares stand idle, on the harvest plain  
While all around him waves the golden  
grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say,  
"Go work today."
2. Come, labor on.  
Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
To young and old the Gospel gladness bear.  
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.  
The night draws nigh.
3. Come, labor on.  
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here;  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill  
God's righteous will.
4. Come, labor on.  
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,  
"Well done, well done!"

**\* Benediction and Blessing**

**\* 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: "Festive Finale"**

Lehenbauer

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

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

### FOR NEXT WEEK

August 18, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Family Led Worship

Back to School Sunday

Sermon: "Living Bread"

First Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



In addition to creating an atmosphere of acceptance, the Stephen Minister will hear and respond to someone in a spiritual crisis.

## 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



Every 2 seconds someone needs blood.

you can do it!

3 people can potentially be saved with 1 blood donation.

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.

## 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](mailto:barbillsr@aol.com)

## Summer Sunday School

Sundays, May 26 - September 1

## LUNCH BUNCH

Our next date is:  
August 11, 2024

## JOIN US

## 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.*

# BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING & TEACHER COMMISSIONING

Sunday, August 18

Join us at 10a for Worship, Children's Moment & Sunday School!  
Stay for the picnic and ice cream social in Fellowship Hall,  
immediately following.

We are growing together with God!



WE NEED SPONSORS!

HOW ABOUT YOU?

WE HAVE OPENINGS FOR CHANCEL FLOWERS AND FELLOWSHIP HOURS!

CELEBRATE A SPECIAL OCCASION OR REMEMBER A LOVED ONE.

CALL THE OFFICE - 597-5410



## BACK TO SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE

Aug. 13: First Day of School!

Aug. 18: Family Led Worship 10a  
Back to School Blessing,  
Teacher Commissioning & Picnic

Aug. 28: Family Dinner Night  
Tijuana Flats 4p-8p

## God Says I Am...



Beautiful  
ecclesiastes 3:11



Accepted  
romans 15:7



Bold  
1 john 5:14



Redeemed  
galatians 3:13



Protected  
2 thess 3:3



Courageous  
deuteronomy 31:6



Kind  
luke 6:27



Strong  
isaiah 40:31



Loyal  
john 15:13

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!



### 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.

## 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.



## 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

blatt	Laura Piipponen
Kate Hafner	Eddie Roche
Sandra Johnson	Father Monty Sayers
Peg Black	Harriet Shouldice
Adriana Caruso	Chester & Janet Kauffman
Bob & Jan Conrad	The Lucarelli Family
Dick Creviston	Doris Martin
Bill & Joyce Dersch	Robert Mazzola
Asia Elsbree	The Meeuwesen Family
Joe Feddern	Mark Miller
Joe Felipe	Terry Morehouse
Henry Gaylord	Donna Mullin
Lynn & Gerry Green-	Ivana Novelli



### Happy Birthday!

Elizabeth Todd	8/12	John Pender	8/15
*Chris Geiser	8/12	Valerie Tomsic	8/15
Linda Burwinkel	8/12	Shirley Daugherty	8/15
*Nancy Bell	8/13	Sue Van Fossen	8/15
Joanna Throckmorton	8/13	Greta Corcoran	8/15
Joe Trees	8/13	John Paalman	8/17
Ohara Trees	8/13	Brett Franklin	8/17
*Tim Hall	8/13		
*Bill Beynon	8/14		

### Happy Anniversary!

John & Heather Monda 8/12

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### 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)

#### 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**