

# 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 18, 2024 — 10:00 am

### The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost — Family Led Worship

The flowers on the chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored by the Grider Family in celebration of all our back to school blessings. "Let's celebrate our teachers, staff, Sunday school teachers, Wednesday Night Lights leaders, and all those who lead us in our learning about God."

### 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*  
**Sydney Carver**, *Youth Liturgist*  
**Gwen Salyer**, *Liturgist*  
**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*  
**Sherry Hardgrove**, *Soprano*

**The Chancel Choir**  
**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Youth Acolyte:** Ayden Carver  
**Greeters:** Barbara Hebert & Geri Payne  
**Ushers:** Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Joan Butler, Price & Carol Lindsay, Jack & Ellen Tanner  
**Youth Ushers:** Riley Mikes & Annabelle Annunziata

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 34:9-14

- <sup>9</sup> O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.  
<sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.  
<sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.  
<sup>12</sup> Which of you desires life and covets many days to enjoy good?  
<sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.  
<sup>14</sup> Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

**Prelude:** "Andante"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

### Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship:

*Come, O children, listen to me;*

**I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

*Depart from evil, and do good:*

**Seek peace, and pursue it.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #478: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

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| <b>1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;<br/>To His feet thy tribute bring;<br/>Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,<br/>Evermore His praises sing:<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Praise the everlasting King.</b> | <b>3. Father-like He tends and spares us;<br/>Well our feeble frame He knows;<br/>In His hands He gently bears us,<br/>Rescues us from all our foes.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Widely yet His mercy flows.</b> |
| <b>2. Praise Him for His grace and favor<br/>To His people in distress;<br/>Praise Him still the same as ever,<br/>Slow to chide, and swift to bless:<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Glorious in His faithfulness.</b> | <b>4. Angels, help us to adore Him:<br/>Ye behold Him face to face;<br/>Sun and moon, bow down before Him,<br/>Dwellers all in time and space.<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Praise with us the God of grace.</b>  |

### Call to Confession

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children. We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in the way of peace; and we have not honored all that is true and good. We have been foolish and immature people who resist the holy wisdom you graciously offer. Forgive us our sin, O God, and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. *(silence)* Amen.**

### **Affirmation of Forgiveness**

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

**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.

### **Back to School Blessing and Teacher Commissioning**

**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 5:15-20

*<sup>15</sup> Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** "Softly and Tenderly"

arr. William Cutter

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

**The Gospel Reading**

John 6:51-58

*<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." <sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Living Bread"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**\* The Affirmation of Faith**

From the Confession of 1967

**The risen Christ is the Savior of all humanity. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which begins with the apostles and continues through all generations. God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** "JLM" (Jesus Loves Me)

Bradley Phillips

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 #420: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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| <p>1. God of grace and God of glory,<br/>On Thy people pour Thy power:<br/>Crown Thine ancient church's story;<br/>Bring its bud to glorious flower.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br/>For the facing of this hour,<br/>For the facing of this hour.</p> <p>2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us<br/>Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!<br/>From the fears that long have bound us<br/>Free our hearts to faith and praise.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br/>For the living of these days,<br/>For the living of these days.</p> <p>3. Cure Thy children's warring madness,<br/>Bend our pride to Thy control;<br/>Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,<br/>Rich in things and poor in soul.</p> | <p>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br/>Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,<br/>Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.</p> <p>4. Set our feet on lofty places;<br/>Gird our lives that they may be<br/>Armored with all Christ-like graces,<br/>Pledged to set all captives free.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br/>That we fail not them nor Thee!<br/>That we fail not them nor Thee!</p> <p>5. Save us from weak resignation<br/>To the evils we deplore;<br/>Let the gift of Thy salvation<br/>Be our glory evermore.<br/>Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,<br/>Serving Thee whom we adore.<br/>Serving Thee whom we adore.</p> |
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### \* Commission and Blessing:

*Church, go forth to love and serve.*

**We go in Jesus' name.**

*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: "Prelude in D Minor"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

### FOR NEXT WEEK

August 25, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: "A Difficult Teaching"

First Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



"Jesus wept." John 11:35

If Jesus could cry with grief, it certainly is right for us to do the same. Caregivers can help the grieving to embrace their grief, as Jesus did when Lazarus died.

# 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!*



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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)

## "This Call's For You: Finding God's Spark!"

You are invited by the Peace River Presbytery to a special  
gathering on Thursday, September 12, 2024

Featuring keynote speaker Rickey Bolden,  
former NFL player who answered God's call to ministry.

Who? Everyone who wants to explore or re-explore their call

Where? Burnt Store Presbyterian Church  
11330 Burnt Store Rd  
Punta Gorda, FL 33955

When? Thursday, September 12, 2024 @ 9:30 am

Sign up [peacriverpresbytery.org/register-for-this-calls-for-you/](https://peacriverpresbytery.org/register-for-this-calls-for-you/)



Keynote Speaker:  
Rickey Bolden

No Cost to  
Attend  
Lunch is \$10!



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FELLOWSHIP HOURS!

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OR REMEMBER A LOVED ONE.

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HOW ABOUT  
YOU?



Welcome back students, families,  
teachers and staff!

## 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

# YOU ARE INVITED TO A MOVE-IN CELEBRATION!

To Celebrate the Opening Of BUILDING 1

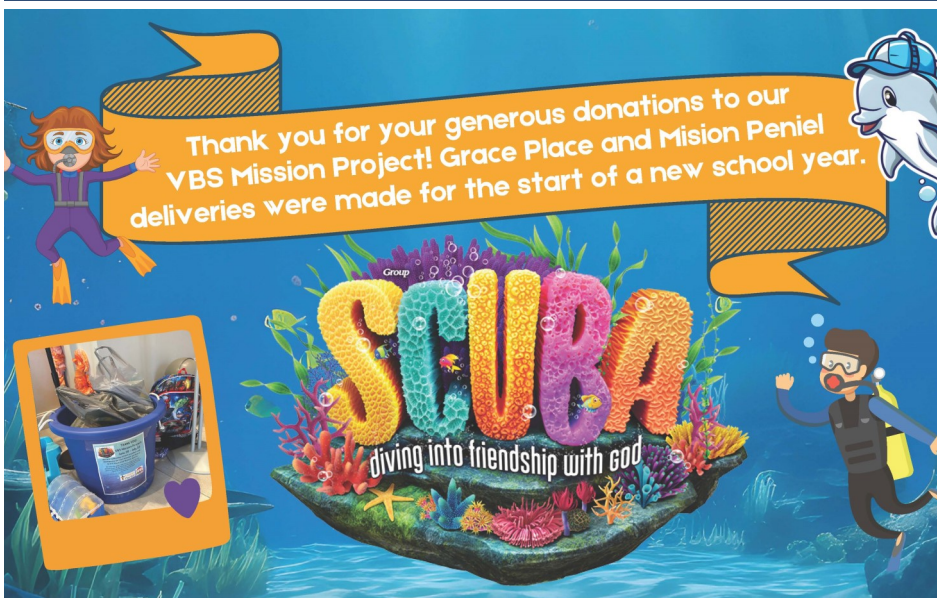
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## BACK TO SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE

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  
1john 5:14

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



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### Questions?

Contact a member of the

### Endowment Fund Ministry Team:

Steve Blad, Julie Borden, *Chair*, Debbie Dawley,  
Doug Dunn, Don Fern, Steve Kutler & Jackie Woodring.

## 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.

Peg Black	Joyce		
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	Dr. Michael	Leah Ray	Frances Tuttle
Joe Felipe	Mark Miller	Eddie Roche	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Henry Gaylord	Terry Morehouse	Father Monty Sayers	Carol Ward
Lynn & Gerry	Geri Muck	Dr. Seefer	Bill & CC Waskey
Greenblatt	Donna Mullin	Harriet Shouldice	Marion Wayenberg
Kate Hafner	Ivana Novelli	Jocelyn Stein	Chris Wood & Family
Sandra Johnson	Laura Piipponen	Bruce & Heidi Stryker	



### Happy Birthday!

*Mari-Bea Warnken	8/19
*Thomas Hurley	8/19
*Carter Mikes	8/20
Chuck Holley	8/20
Barbara Elliott	8/21
Herb Newman	8/21
Merle Wylie	8/22
Ann Hoffman	8/23
*Lou Thompson	8/24
Ginny Dieken	8/24



### \*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!

Linda & Lee Burwinkel	8/18
Thomas & Kay Hurley	8/19
Daniel & Dianne Westerlund	8/20
Bruce & Roberta Hobbs	8/21
Dianne & Bob Townsend	8/22
Nancy & Charles Thompson	8/23
Al & Jean Fletcher	8/23
Bruce & Wendy Baker	8/23

### 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.

<b>ENSIGN Francis Alvares</b> US Navy, Pensacola, FL (Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)	<b>MAJ Allen Fujinaka</b> US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)	<b>CPTN Devon Hennessey</b> Korea (Toni Hubbard)
<b>MSgt Kristopher Chesslo</b> USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)	<b>COL Jessica D. Grassetti</b> (Claudia Polzin's niece)	<b>SGT Wesley Kennedy</b> USMC - Okinawa, Japan
<b>LT Wyatt R. Dawley</b> US Navy Intel/SEAL Team (Debbie Dawley's grandson)	<b>E4 Brian Guzman</b> USAF - Colorado (Cesar Guzman's son)	<b>MAJ Rex Rafferty</b> USAF—Alabama (Norm & Linda Parker's granddaughter's husband)
	<b>SGT Jacob Guzman</b> US Army-Tennessee (Cesar Guzman's son)	<b>LCPL Michael Russell</b> 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](tel:239-597-5410)