



# 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**

**VPC VISION**

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.

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 25, 2024 — 10:00 am

### The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored by Pocket Patterson in honor of family and friends.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in loving memory of Paul Peabody by his wife, Judy.

### 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**  
**Jerry Grandey, Liturgist**

**Julie Carver, Pianist**  
**The Chancel Choir**  
**Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician**  
**Greeters:** Joan Butler & Priscilla Kutler  
**Ushers:** Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Sonja Cookson, Barbara Hebert, Joe Trees, Dianne Westerlund

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 34:15-22

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup> The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and rescues them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

<sup>20</sup> He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

<sup>21</sup> Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

<sup>22</sup> The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**Prelude:** "Chorale Prelude on Amazing Grace"

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

### Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship:

*The Lord redeems the life of his servants.*

**Thanks be to God!**

*No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.*

**Praise the Lord!**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #144: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

HYFRYDOL

- 1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**  
**His the scepter, His the throne.**  
**Alleluia! His the triumph,**  
**His the victory alone!**  
**Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion**  
**Thunder like a mighty flood;**  
**Jesus out of every nation**  
**Hath redeemed us by His blood.**
- 2. Alleluia! Not as orphans**  
**Are we left in sorrow now.**  
**Alleluia! He is near us;**  
**Faith believes, nor questions how.**  
**Though the cloud from sight received Him,**  
**When the forty days were o'er,**  
**Shall our hearts forget His promise,**  
**"I am with you evermore"?**
- 3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,**  
**Thou on earth our food, our stay.**  
**Alleluia! Here the sinful**  
**Flee to Thee from day to day.**  
**Intercessor, Friend of sinners,**  
**Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,**  
**Where the songs of all the sinless**  
**Sweep across the crystal sea.**
- 4. Alleluia! King eternal,**  
**Thee the Lord of lords we own;**  
**Alleluia! born of Mary,**  
**Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.**  
**Thou within the veil hast entered,**  
**Robed in flesh our great High Priest;**  
**Thou on earth both priest and victim**  
**In the Eucharistic feast.**

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**God of our redemption, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your salvation. We have forsaken you, the living God, and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols of worldly power and wealth. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to heartfelt repentance that we may honor you with our lips and serve you with our lives; through our Savior, 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.

**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 6:10-20

*<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; <sup>11</sup> put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, <sup>12</sup> for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness*

<sup>15</sup> and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

John 6:56-69

<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." <sup>59</sup> He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." <sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "A Difficult Teaching"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

### **\* The Affirmation of Faith**

From Philippians 2:5-11, Book of Common Worship

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory: "Blest are They"**

David Haas (b. 1957)

The Chancel Choir

Blest are they, the poor in spirit. Theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow. They shall be consoled. Rejoice, and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God! Blest are they, the lowly ones. They shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst. They shall have their fill. Blest are they, who show mercy. Mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart. They shall see God! Blest are they, who seek peace. They are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith. The glory of God is theirs Blest are you, who suffer hate. All because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God. Shine for all to see.

**\* 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 #359: "More Love to Thee, O Christ"**

MORE LOVE TO THEE

**1. More love to Thee, O Christ,  
More love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make  
On bended knee.**

**This is my earnest plea:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee!**

**2. Once earthly joy I craved,  
Sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek,  
Give what is best.**

**This all my prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ to Thee;  
More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee!**

**3. Then shall my latest breath  
Whisper Thy praise;  
This be the parting cry  
My heart shall raise;  
This still its prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ to Thee;  
More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee!**

**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*Sisters and brothers, you have chosen to serve God.*

**We serve God because God has chosen us in Jesus Christ.**

*Go, therefore, to love and serve as God's people in the world.*

**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 Major"**

Johann Fischer (1733-1800)

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

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**September 1, 2024 — 10:00 am — The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon: "Listen and Understand"**

**First Reading: James 1:17-27**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**"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!



**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!*

**THANK YOU for donating!**

There's life in every drop!

**Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church  
Blood Drive  
Aug. 11, 2024**

**10** Blood Donors

**12** Pints of blood collected

**30** Lives saved



**~ Vanderbilt Ladies Who Lunch ~**

All single ladies are welcome to join us for lunch on the second Monday of each month! The group gets together at one of Naples' fine restaurants for a time of friendship and fun! Our next luncheon will take place on **September 9.**

For complete details, please email Barbara Hebert - [barbillsr@aol.com](mailto:barbillsr@aol.com)

**We look forward to meeting you soon!**



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*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16

As people experience bad news in life - they could use the Good News. Stephen Ministers bring the gospel to those in need.



**Baker Senior Center Naples**

### Caregiver Bootcamp

Please join us for a dynamic workshop for Caregivers of loved ones diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related Dementias.

**Where:** Baker Senior Center Naples  
6200 Autumn Oaks Lane

**When:** Monday September 30th

**Time:** 10:30 – 2:30

**Cost:** \$30 – Lunch will be provided

Registration is required and seats are limited.

Please RSVP to Kelley Findlay

239-325-4444

[kfindlay@bakerseniorcenternaples.org](mailto:kfindlay@bakerseniorcenternaples.org)



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**The church office and Learning Center at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.**

★ **HAPPY** ★  
★ **LABOR DAY** ★

## 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**

## 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	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Donna Mullin	Jocelyn Stein
Adriana Caruso	Kate Hafner	Ivana Novelli	Bruce & Heidi Stryker
Bob & Jan Conrad	Sandra Johnson	Laura Piipponen	Frances Tuttle
Dick Creviston	Joyce	Leah Ray	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Sigrid "Siggi" Deneke & Family	Chester & Janet Kauffman The Lucarelli Family	Eddie Roche Father Monty Sayers	Carol Ward Bill & CC Waskey
Bill & Joyce Dersch	Doris Martin	Dr. Seefer	Marion Wayenberg
The Earhart Family	Robert Mazzola	Shirley	Chris Wood & Family
Asia Elsbree	The Meeuwesen Family	Harriet Shouldice	
Joe Feddern	Dr. Michael		
Joe Felipe	Mark Miller		
Henry Gaylord	Terry Morehouse Geri Muck		



### Happy Birthday!

Cherry Jacobus	8/25	Al Teti	8/29
Gina Truax	8/25	*Pete Schwiers	8/30
Quinn Lawrence	8/25	Barbara McElwaine	8/30
Gabrielle English	8/25	Elizabeth Lee	8/31
Sebastian Aguilar	8/26		
Karen Lawrence	8/26		
Kate Dillingham	8/29		
Eleanor Sarina Hoppner	8/29		
Sumera Yousaf	8/29		
Tim Grove	8/29		



### Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Laura Reardon	8/26
Don & Jan Fern	8/29
Rich & Michele Yovanovich	8/31
Steve & Rebecca Acx	8/31
Bill & Harriet Shouldice	8/31

**\*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](mailto:mbyrd@vpcnaples.org)). Thank you for your continued prayers for these military personnel.

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