



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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September 1, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored by Geri & Bill Payne in celebration of their 60th Anniversary. Praise be to God!

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in honor of family and friends by Pocket Patterson.

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
Janie Ballurio, Liturgist
Julie Carver, Pianist
The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Ann Grundstrom & Dick Clark
Ushers: Joe Trees (Head Usher), David & Susan Aufderhaar, Sonja Cookson, Ben Hood, Dianne Westerlund
Communion Servers: Janie Ballurio, Karen Chappler, Joe & Sharon Doggett, Max Gould, Jerry Grandey, Price & Carol Lindsay, Penny O'Kelley, Ellen Tanner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 15

¹ O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
² Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;
³ who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
⁵ who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Shall We Gather at the River?"

arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Who may abide in the presence of God?

Who may live on God's holy mountain?

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

All those who speak truth from their heart.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #482: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

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| 1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration! | yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth? |
| 2. Praise ye the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, | 3. Praise ye the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him. |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

In the name of Jesus Christ, we 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

James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, ²⁰ for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they

were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶ If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

^{7:1} Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸ “You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” ¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: “Listen and Understand”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** 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: "The Call"

Alexander Brent Smith (1889-1950)

The Chancel Choir

Come, my way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way as gives us breath; such a Truth as ends all strife; such a Life as killeth death! Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a Feast, such a Feast as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a Heart as joys in love!

*** 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

Music During Communion: Improvisation

Julie Carver

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 #513: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain: When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

* Commission and Blessing:

Go in peace to love and serve.

We go in the name of Christ.

Alleluia!

Amen!

* 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: Chorale Prelude on "Sent Forth with God's Blessing"

arr. Wood

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

September 8, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: "Be Opened"

First Reading:

James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

Gospel Reading:

Mark 7:24-37

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

**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** ★

STEPHEN MINISTRY.

Stephen Ministry is based on God's love for us. Are you feeling a need to experience God's love? Are you looking for a way to spread God's love to others? If the answer is "yes", contact our Stephen Ministry Team to see if you Stephen Ministry is for you.

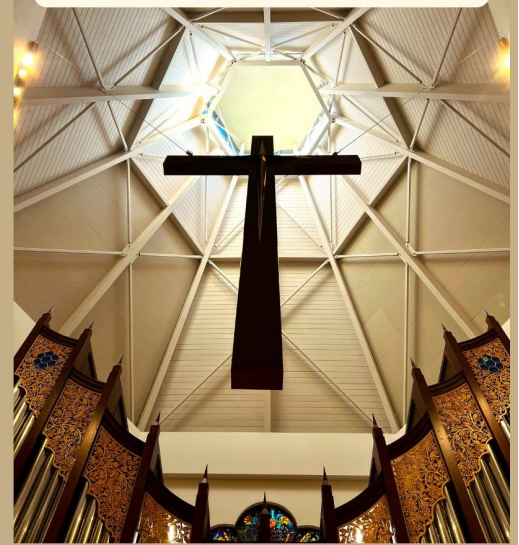
Fall Education Kick Off is Sunday, September 8!



We are starting a new season of Sunday School at Vanderbilt. Fall Education Kick Off is for all God's children - growing in our faith and deepening our relationship with God in a variety of ways.



Join us "Under the Spire!"



A.I.M.

Adventures In Membership

Are you interested in joining our church family?

Join us for worship and stay for a brief Q&A with Pastor Rob as we chat about Vanderbilt and what it means to be involved in the ministry of Christ's church.

*childcare provided

September 8 - 11:15am

VPC KIDS SHOW & TELL SUNDAY! SEPT. 8

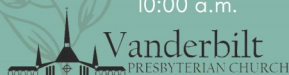
Bring something from your summer to show your friends in Sunday School, like something you got at the beach, a picture from your trip, a fun activity you did, or a project you made.



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.



"I am the vine,
you are the branches."
- John 15:5



WE NEED SPONSORS!

WE HAVE OPENINGS FOR CHANCEL FLOWERS AND FELLOWSHIP HOURS!

CALL THE OFFICE - 597-5410

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.

PRAY MORE

worry less

Alexis Bevan	Asia Elsbree	Meridee Lowry	Bruce & Heidi Stryker
Peg Black	Joe Feddern	The Lucarelli Family	Traci Turner
Adriana Caruso	Joe Felipe	Doris Martin	Frances Tuttle
Bob & Jan Conrad	Gabrielle	Dr. Michael	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Dick Creviston	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Terry Morehouse	Bill & CC Waskey
Sigrid "Siggi"	Kate Hafner	Geri Muck	Marion Wayenberg
Deneke & Family	Sandra Johnson	Donna Mullin	Chris Wood & Family
Bill & Joyce Dersch	Chester & Janet Kauffman	Ivana Novelli	
The Earhart Family	Andy Lowry	Laura Piipponen	
		Father Monty Sayers	
		Dr. Seefer	
		Shirley	
		Harriet Shouldice	



Happy Birthday!

Anna Borden	9/1
Brooke Borden	9/1
*Joan Elliott	9/1
*Nancy Guthy	9/1
Addison Acx	9/1
Avery Acx	9/1
Mark McElwaine	9/2
Nancy Ruppert	9/3
Martha Jean Gordon	9/4

Jane Repp	9/4
*Linda Addaman	9/4
Joseph Riashi	9/5
*Penny O'Kelley	9/7

***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!

Clark & Kathryn Leaming	9/1
Bill & Geri Payne	9/4
John & Mavelyn Millard	9/5
Ed & Pat Kirby	9/5
Fred & Barbara Minter	9/7



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](tel:239-597-5410)