



# 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 15, 2024 — 10:00 am

### The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored by the Grider Family.  
 “We are grateful for all of our gifts and blessings. We are so very thankful.”

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in thanksgiving for Jennifer Crossan. You will be missed!

### 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*  
**Bill Payne**, *Liturgist*

**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*  
**The Chancel Choir**  
**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** Pat Gagliano & Barbara Hebert  
**Ushers:** Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head Ushers), David & Susan Aufderhaar, Dick Clark, Joe Trees

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 116:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
<sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD, "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"  
<sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is merciful.  
<sup>6</sup> The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.  
<sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.  
<sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.  
<sup>9</sup> I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

**Prelude:** "Christ is the World's True Light"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

### Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship:

*Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;*

**Our God is full of compassion.**

*Let us walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living,*

**Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #210: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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| 1. Our God, our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Our shelter from the stormy blast,<br>And our eternal home:    | 4. Time, like an ever rolling stream,<br>Soon bears us all away;<br>We fly forgotten, as a dream<br>Dies at the opening day.           |
| 2. Before the hills in order stood,<br>Or earth received its frame,<br>From everlasting Thou art God,<br>To endless years the same. | 5. Our God, our help in ages past,<br>Our hope for years to come,<br>Be Thou our guard while life shall last,<br>And our eternal home. |
| 3. A thousand ages in Thy sight<br>Are like an evening gone;<br>Short as the watch that ends the night<br>Before the rising sun.    |  |

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call you for help. You know our fault before we speak. Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will. Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken and for which we know are wrong. We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought. We have denied our dependence on you. Lead us away from this grief and sorrow. Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you and attend to the needs of your people. (silence) Amen.**

### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### \* 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 3:1-12

*<sup>3:1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. <sup>2</sup> For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup> Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set*

*ablaze by a such a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

Mark 8:27-38

*<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: “Follow Me”**

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**\* The Affirmation of Faith**

from The Confession of 1967

**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 divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love. Amen.**

## Reception of New Members

### Offering

**Offertory:** "O How Amiable"

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Chancel Choir

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

**\* 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 #339: "Be Thou My Vision"**

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**1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art--  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.**

**3. Be Thou my wisdom,  
and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**2. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven,  
my treasure Thou art.**

**\* Commission and Blessing**

*Take up your cross and follow Jesus.*

**We will not be afraid of what may come.**

*You lose what you wish to safeguard only by holding onto it with too great a desperation.*

**We will set our minds on what Christ Jesus has done.**

*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 C Major"**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES  
FOR NEXT WEEK**

**September 22, 2024**

**10:00 am**

**The Eighteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**Sermon:**

*"Typical Arguments"*

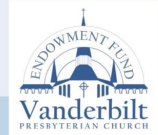
**First Reading:**

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

**Gospel Reading:**

Mark 9:30-37

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



*Celebrate your milestones with your church family!*

**Birthday Club Members** give one dollar for each year of their life and **Anniversary Club Members** give two dollars for each year of their marriage to celebrate or commemorate these special events. The Education Team may annually request up to 5% from the Club for Youth and Education Ministry!



**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**



**Lynn Thomas** is joining VPC as a full time member by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay, NY. She is a native of Indiana and a graduate of Indiana University and Duke University. She moved from New York to Naples in January of 2024. She has two grown daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth. Lynn looks forward to an active membership at VPC.



**Jeanie Darnell** is Professor of Music and Head of Vocal Studies and Director of Opera Theater at Florida Gulf Coast University's Bower School of Music. Jeanie has been a featured artist on the concert series at VPC and is currently singing in the Chancel Choir. She is joining VPC as a full time member by Letter of Transfer from Moorings Presbyterian.

Vanderbilt Children & Youth Groups and Learning Center

## Halloween Costume Drive

Bring in gently used or new costumes for children in need.

Help kids have an awesome Halloween!

We will be collecting costumes through Sunday, October 6th.



Mark your calendar!

Join us for Trunk or Treat on October 23rd.



Friday, September 27,  
2024 at 9:00 am  
Leitner Park  
26724 Nomad Dr.  
Bonita Springs 34135



Join us as we serve those in need.  
Donations of food and volunteers to  
serve are needed.

Email Eliza Nevin  
elizanevin@comcast.net.



## Weekend Power Pack!

Join us at our packing party!

Thursday, September 26 at  
10:30am in Fellowship Hall.

### We need a driver & financial donations!

Please send any amount and put WPP in the memo  
[www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org).

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Contact Becky Wheat at [sportbroad@comcast.net](mailto:sportbroad@comcast.net).

## LUNCH BUNCH

Sign up to join us for lunch!

Small groups gather at a local  
restaurant to enjoy lunch at 12pm.

Our next date is:

September 15, 2024

## 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](mailto:pvrodino@aol.com)  
to volunteer!

**Monday, September 23, 2024**

4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)

4:45-6pm - bagging food

at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the  
Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

SEPTEMBER 8-  
OCTOBER 6, 2024



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED  
THE CHILDREN OF GOD.

MATTHEW 5:9

Envelopes are in the  
Narthex for your donation.



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)

## 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.



The Anderson & King Families	Sigrid "Siggi" Deneke & Family	Andy Lowry	Dr. Seefer
Alexis Bevan	Bill & Joyce Dersch	Meridee Lowry	Shirley
Peg Black	The Earhart Family	The Lucarelli Family	Harriet Shouldice
Raphael Bundage	Asia Elsbree	Doris Martin	Erik Strandwitz
Lee Burwinkle	Joe Feddern	Dr. Michael	Bruce & Heidi Stryker
Adriana Caruso	Joe Felipe	Terry Morehouse	Traci Turner
Bob & Jan Conrad	Gabrielle	Joan Mountford	Frances Tuttle
Stephanie Copley	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Geri Muck	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Dick Creviston	Kate Hafner	Donna Mullin	Carol Ward
	Sandra Johnson	Ivana Novelli	Bill & CC Waskey
	The Kauffman Family	Laura Piipponen	Marion Wayenberg
	Cynthia Lacher	Father Monty Sayers	Chris Wood & Family
		Marilyn & Sam Schellar	

### Happy Birthday!

Emilia Lawrence	9/15
*Peggy Paulsen	9/17
Marie Walton	9/17
Martha Fligg	9/19
Brooke Vayda	9/19
Christine Rockhold	9/19
Sandra Johnson	9/20
*Jim Reed	9/20
Steve Acx	9/21
Margaret Horstman	9/21

### Happy Anniversary!

Al & Linda Teti 9/19



**\*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!

### 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

### 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**