



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 22, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in honor of the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Family by Rob and Beth Marrow.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Grider Family.

“We are grateful for all of our gifts and blessings. We are so very thankful.”

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*
Ellen Tanner, *Liturgist*

Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Sonja Cookson, Nancy Guthy, Barbara Hebert, Price & Carol Lindsay

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 54

¹ Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

² Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

³ For the insolent have risen against me; the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them.

⁴ But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

⁵ He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

⁶ With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷ For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Prelude: "Plein Jeu and Fugue"

Pierre DuMage (1674-1751)

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Little children, the one who welcomes you is here in word.

Little children, young and old, all the baptized: welcome to the place of hope.

Little children, Jesus calls us all into the circle of his arms. Come.

Thanks be to God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #181: "Come Sing to God"

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| <p>1. Come sing to God, O living saints,
Sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent,
God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night
With sighs of deepest pain,
Yet joy comes with the morning sun,
A peace that is not vain.</p> | <p>3. What good is gained by my disgrace,
What profit in defeat?
My grave cannot confess Your name,
Nor praise for You repeat.
Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry;
Be merciful to me.
Accept my longing heart's request
And from death set me free.</p> |
| <p>2. In my success, I felt secure,
How good You've been to me.
I said that this is my own work,
Ascribing all to me.
But when You turned aside Your face,
My life was filled with fears.
I begged for help to You I cried
With loud and bitter tears.</p> | <p>4. You change my grief to joy-filled dance,
My sorrows You destroy.
In faithfulness You hear my cry
And fill my life with joy.
And so to You my heart shall sing,
My voice Your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore,
My life shall sing Your praise.</p> |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, who makes known to us all truth, we confess that we are weighed down by our failings: envy distances us from other people; greed alerts us only to our own desires. Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts. Where you call us to give, we take. Where your presence beckons, we resist. Deal with us not as we deserve, O God, but forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us your way. (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 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³ Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. ¹⁵ This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and

wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ^{4:1} Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Typical Arguments"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Creation Will be at Peace"

Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

The Chancel Choir

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace. The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their young will play together; a little child will lead. The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw. They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

*** 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 #191: "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"**

WINCHESTER OLD

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| <p>1. God is our refuge and our strength,
Our ever-present aid,
And therefore, though the earth remove,
We will not be afraid;</p> <p>2. Though hills amid the seas be cast,
Though foaming waters roar,
Yea, though the mighty billows shake
The mountains on the shore.</p> | <p>3. Where God abides a river flows;
That city will rejoice.
But nations fear and kingdoms shake
Before God's thundering voice.</p> <p>4. Since God is in the midst of it,
The city walls shall stand,
Secure and safe with God's sure help,
When trouble is at hand.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing:**

*For those who make peace,
a harvest of righteousness is sown.
Be gentle, honest, and merciful with those you meet;
As for wisdom, and wisdom will fill you with joy.
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: "Chaconne" in D Minor

Louis Couperin the Grand (1626-1661)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

A Church Tour is available on Sunday, September 29.

Tours depart from the sanctuary after the 10am worship service.
Come and see the improvements we've made!



Take a walk with us!

Check out the newly renovated West Wing!

Look for the BLUE shirts!



Members, visitors, everyone is welcome!

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

**September 29, 2024 — 10:00 am
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon: "Living in Community"
First Reading: James 5:13-20
Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50**

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

- Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the difference between desolation and hope.



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.



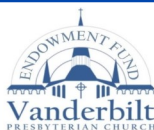
Sharing God's love!



Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

JOHN 6:56, NRSV

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



- CASH
- STOCK/GIFTS OF SECURITIES
- BEQUESTS
- REAL ESTATE
- LIFE INSURANCE
- RETIREMENT ASSETS

- IRA CHARITABLE TRUST ROLLOVER
- CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY
- CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST
- CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST

Contact a member of the **Endowment Fund Ministry Team:**

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

Pastor's Bible Study

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE UPCOMING READINGS FOR WORSHIP.



**WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS AT 6PM
IN THE LIBRARY**

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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024
FELLOWSHIP HALL 5:30-7PM

Join us for
a Community

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 23

6:30-7:30PM

Reserve your spot by Oct. 20
hmikes@vpcnaples.org



CHILI COOK-OFF

OCTOBER 23RD

5:30PM-6:30PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

MUSIC - FOOD - PRIZES



CONTACT HEATHER TO SIGN UP HMIKES@VPCNAPLES.ORG



Bring Your Best Batch of Homemade Chili!



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, September 23, 2024

4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)

4:45-6pm - bagging food

at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



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.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Contact Becky Wheat at sportbroad@comcast.net.

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.



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.



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

Happy Birthday!

John Millard	9/22
*Nena Beynon	9/24
*Julie Borden	9/25
*Peggy Landon	9/26
Stanley Leonard	9/26
Ann Lienemann	9/26
Mary Ann Portman	9/26
Rachel Heimberger	9/27
Laura Marzano	9/28

Carol Wood	9/28
R. Max Gould	9/28
*Mac McDonald	9/28

Happy Anniversary!

Merle & Sharon Wylie	9/22
Bill & Mary Ann Koppelkam	9/27
Joe & Barbara Feddern	9/28

*** 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!

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)	MAJ Allen Fujinaka US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)	SGT Wesley Kennedy USMC - Okinawa, Japan
MSgt Kristopher Chesslo USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)	COL Jessica D. Grassetti (Claudia Polzin's niece)	MAJ Rex Rafferty USAF—Alabama (Norm & Linda Parker's granddaughter's husband)
LT Wyatt R. Dawley US Navy Intel/SEAL Team (Debbie Dawley's grandson)	E4 Brian Guzman USAF - Colorado (Cesar Guzman's son)	LCPL Michael Russell USMC - Cape Lejeune, NC (Heather Anderson's son)
PVT E2 Joshua Fowler, US Army, Columbus, GA (Joe & Sharon Doggett's grandson)	SGT Jacob Guzman US Army-Tennessee (Cesar Guzman's son)	
	CPTN Devon Hennessey Korea (Toni Hubbard)	

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:
Please let the office know if you are in the hospital. **239-597-5410**