

# 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 29, 2024 — 10:00 am

### The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored  
in loving memory of my husband, Bill, by Barbara Faude.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Education Ministry Team in honor of  
all the ways we gather together, in large and small groups for God's glory.

### 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*  
**Greg Borden**, *Liturgist*

**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*  
**The Chancel Choir**  
**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** Barbara Hebert & Priscilla Kutler  
**Ushers:** Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Ron &  
 Linda Addaman, Gwen Salyer, Jack & Ellen  
 Tanner

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 19:7-14

- <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup> But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.  
<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**Prelude:** "Trumpet Tune In D Major"

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

### Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship:

*Upon this gathering of your people,*

**Pour out your Spirit, O Lord.**

*Be near to us and speak to us,*

**And we will proclaim your glory.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #361: "How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

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| <p>1. <b>How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,<br/>Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!<br/>What more can be said<br/>than to you God hath said,<br/>To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?</b></p> <p>2. <b>"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,<br/>For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;<br/>I'll strengthen thee, help thee,<br/>and cause thee to stand,<br/>Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.</b></p> <p>3. <b>"When through the deep waters<br/>I call thee to go,<br/>The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;</b></p> | <p><b>For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,<br/>And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.</b></p> <p>4. <b>"When through fiery trials<br/>thy pathway shall lie,<br/>My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;<br/>The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design<br/>Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.</b></p> <p>5. <b>"The soul that on Jesus<br/>hath leaned for repose,<br/>I will not, I will not desert to its foes;<br/>That soul, though all hell<br/>should endeavor to shake,<br/>I'll never, no never, no never forsake."</b></p> |
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## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**God, our strength and savior, you know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil with our eyes we look out for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. (*silence*) Amen.**

### Affirmation of Forgiveness

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### \* 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 5:13-20

*<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-50

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup> Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. <sup>42</sup> "If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup> "For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Living in Community"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

## \* The Affirmation of Faith

Barmen Declaration

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God's Creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through him. Amen.**

## Offering

**Offertory:** "Tell the People to Sing"

Music: Lee Dengler

The Chancel Choir

Text: Susan Naus Dengler

Tell the people to sing a song to the Lord! Let the nations proclaim that God is adored! May the melodies soar; resound evermore, announcing that joy and hope are restored. Go tell the people to sing a song to the Lord! If we do not sing and worship all our days, the stones themselves will cry out loud to offer God their praise. The trees will clap their hands. The deserts bloom in happy songs. The mountains shout on high and praise God all day long! So lift your voices up to the sky in flowing, glad refrains. Come, magnify the Lord our God, And let us all exalt God's name.

## \* 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 #388: "O Jesus I Have Promised"**

ANGEL'S STORY

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| <p><b>1. O Jesus, I have promised<br/>To serve Thee to the end;<br/>Be Thou forever near me,<br/>My Master and my Friend;<br/>I shall not fear the battle<br/>If Thou art by my side,<br/>Nor wander from the pathway<br/>If Thou wilt be my guide.</b></p> <p><b>2. O let me feel Thee near me!<br/>The world is ever near;<br/>I see the sights that dazzle,<br/>The tempting sounds I hear;<br/>My foes are ever near me,<br/>Around me and within;<br/>But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,<br/>And shield my soul from sin.</b></p> | <p><b>3. O let me hear Thee speaking<br/>In accents clear and still,<br/>Above the storms of passion,<br/>The murmurs of self will;<br/>O speak to reassure me,<br/>To hasten or control;<br/>O speak, and make me listen,<br/>Thou guardian of my soul.</b></p> <p><b>4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised<br/>To all who follow Thee<br/>That where Thou art in glory<br/>There shall Thy servant be;<br/>And, Jesus, I have promised<br/>To serve Thee to the end;<br/>O give me grace to follow,<br/>My Master and my friend.</b></p> |
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**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*Let the name of Christ*

**Be the word you speak,**

*The grace you show,*

**And the love you share.**

*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: "Tuba Tune"**

C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

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

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES  
FOR NEXT WEEK**

**October 6, 2024 — 10:00 am**  
**The Twentieth Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**

**Sermon:** "He Blessed Them"

**First Reading:** Job 1:1; 2:1-10

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:2-16

**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!

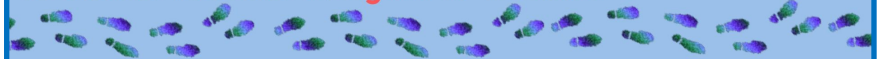


Check out the newly renovated West Wing!

Look for the **BLUE** shirts!



**Members, visitors, everyone is welcome!**



**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

**October 6 - 11:15am**

*Pastor's Bible Study*

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE UPCOMING READINGS FOR WORSHIP.



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

**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.

**IN SYMPATHY**

We are saddened to announce the death of VPC member,

**Elizabeth Van Mater,**

on August 17, 2024 at the age of 94. Elizabeth was a member of Vanderbilt for over 6 years. She passed away peacefully in her home at Aston Garden.

We recently learned that VPC member, **Mary Wollaston,** passed away on February 25, 2024.

Please keep their families, in your prayers during this tender time.



**MEDICARE BASICS EVENTS**



SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) will give an overview of Medicare for interested people and families. It is free and confidential and meant to help answer questions.

**Friday, October 4 - 10am - Harp Hall**

"Medicare Updates & Changes"

**Friday, October 25 - 9:30am - 2:30pm - Fellowship Hall**

"One-on-One Shine Medicare counseling event"

*Vanderbilt Ladies Who Lunch*

Welcome all single ladies to join us on the second Monday of each month to dine at one of Naples' finest restaurants to share fun, friendship, and faith. For further information, please email

Barbara Hebert - [barbillsr@aol.com](mailto:barbillsr@aol.com)

We look forward to meeting you soon!!!

**BLOOD  
DRIVE**

**Sunday, Oct. 13  
9 AM - 12 PM**

Hosted by NCH Community Blood Center  
1225 Piper Blvd., Naples FL 34110

Sign-up for an arrival time:  
239.597.5410



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.



### FRIENDS IN FAITH

Friends in Faith is VPC's women's Bible study "sisterhood". We meet on the last Wednesday of each month, October through May, from 10 a.m. till 11:30, in Harp Hall at the church to study an agreed-upon topic for spiritual growth. Meetings provide the opportunity to pray together and share our friendship. We then adjourn to an optional lunch at a nearby restaurant to which all are invited. This year, the following book will be guiding our study: Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts by Olive Mohabir. It is available for purchase in the church office for \$10. All members and friends of the church are welcome. For more information, contact Lois

Ann Folliard,

[lafolliard@gmail.com](mailto:lafolliard@gmail.com)

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## FRIENDS IN FAITH

2024-2025  
The last Wednesday  
of the month -  
starting in October  
10am  
Harp Hall

## CHILI COOK-OFF

OCTOBER 23RD

5:30PM-6:30PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

MUSIC - FOOD - PRIZES



STAY FOR  
TRUNK OR TREAT  
6:30PM-7:30PM

Bring Your  
Best Batch of  
Homemade Chili!

Join us for  
a Community

## TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 23

6:30-7:30PM

Reserve your spot by Oct. 20  
[hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org)

5:30pm  
Chili Cook-Off



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

### Happy Birthday!

Virginia	
Garner Cullison	9/30
*Mary Thompson	9/30
*Pat Rose	9/30
Michael Swain	10/1
*Margaret Mackie	10/2
Ted Beisler	10/3
Ruth Wade	10/3
Joyce Dersch	10/4

Gregory Skrabonja	10/4
Chari Grove	10/5

### Happy Anniversary!

Gary & Brenda Karnes	10/3
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\* **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](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>SGT Wesley Kennedy</b> USMC - Okinawa, Japan
<b>MSgt Kristopher Chesslo</b> USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)	<b>COL Jessica D. Grassetti</b> (Claudia Polzin's niece)	<b>MAJ Rex Rafferty</b> USAF—Alabama (Norm & Linda Parker's granddaughter's husband)
<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>LCPL Michael Russell</b> USMC - Cape Lejeune, NC (Heather Anderson's son)
<b>PVT E2 Joshua Fowler</b> , US Army, Columbus, GA (Joe & Sharon Doggett's grandson)	<b>SGT Jacob Guzman</b> US Army-Tennessee (Cesar Guzman's son)	
	<b>CPTN Devon Hennessey</b> Korea (Toni Hubbard)	

### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

Please let the office know if you are in the hospital. **239-597-5410**