



# 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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## October 13, 2024 — 10:00 am

## The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored in honor of our loving family by an anonymous donor.

### 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*  
**Molly Godley**, *Liturgist*

**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*  
**The Chancel Choir**  
**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** Pat Gagliano & Barbara Hebert  
**Ushers:** Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Ron & Linda Addaman, Price & Carol Lindsay

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 90:12-17

- <sup>12</sup> So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.  
<sup>13</sup> Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!  
<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
<sup>15</sup> Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us  
and as many years as we have seen evil.  
<sup>16</sup> Let your work be manifest to your servants  
and your glorious power to their children.  
<sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us  
and prosper for us the work of our hands  
—O prosper the work of our hands!

**Prelude:** "Fantasia" in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

### Announcements

#### \* Call to Worship:

*Seek good and not evil; seek the Lord and live!*

**May the Lord our God be with us.**

*Seek good and not evil, that justice may prevail.*

**May the Lord our God show us grace.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #262: "God of the Ages"

NATIONAL HYMN

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| <p>1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand<br/>Leads forth in beauty all the starry band<br/>Of shining worlds in splendor through the<br/>skies,<br/>Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.</p>  | <p>3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,<br/>Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;<br/>Thy true religion in our hearts increase;<br/>Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in<br/>peace.</p> |
| <p>2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;<br/>In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;<br/>Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay;<br/>Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen<br/>way.</p> | <p>4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,<br/>Lead us from night to never-ending day;<br/>Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,<br/>And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.</p>   |

### Call to Confession

### **Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession**

**God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *(silence)* Amen.**

### **Affirmation of Forgiveness**

*In 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**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

*<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered: <sup>2</sup> "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. <sup>3</sup> Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! <sup>4</sup> I would lay my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup> I would learn what he would answer me and understand what he would say to me. <sup>6</sup> Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No, but he would give heed to me. <sup>7</sup> There the upright could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. <sup>8</sup> "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; <sup>9</sup> on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

*17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.' " 20 He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." 28 Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." 29 Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "All Things are Possible"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

### \* The Affirmation of Faith

from A Declaration of Faith

**Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves. Amen.**

**Reception of New Members**

**Offering**

**Offertory:** "Praise The Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him"

David Dunbar

The Chancel Choir

Praise the Lord, ye heavens above, Praise the Lord, ye shining stars, Praise the Lord!  
Praise Him with trumpet, Praise Him with lute and with lyre. Praise Him with cymbal,  
Praise Him with timbrel and dance! Oh Praise the Lord, all ye nations!

**\* 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 #263: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

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1. **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.**
2. **Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains,  
high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains  
of goodness and love.**
3. **To all, life Thou givest,  
to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish;  
but naught changeth Thee.**
4. **Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**

**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*Jesus says: Come, follow me*

**Let us seek the Lord and live!**

*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 F Major**

**J. S. Bach (1685-1750)**

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

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**October 20, 2024 — 10:00 am  
The Twenty-second Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**Sermon: "A True Servant"**

**First Reading: Job 38:1-7**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45**

**IN SYMPATHY**

*We are saddened to announce the death of VPC member, **Gloria Hagopian**, on October 3, 2024 at the age of 85. Gloria was a member of Vanderbilt for over 23 years. She passed away suddenly last week. Please keep her family, in your prayers during this tender time. Plans for a memorial service have not been announced.*

**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**



**Reid, Susie and Grant Lennertz** are joining as full time members by reaffirmation of faith. Reid is a faculty member at FGCU in the School of Entrepreneurship. He and Susie met in Naples and have been married for 27 years. Susie is the Assistant to the Athletic Director at FGCU and loves to be active and garden. They are parents to Lauren, a senior at FSU and Grant, a senior at Aubrey Rogers High School. Grant has been involved in WNL and the whole family has been attending VPC for many years. They are excited to belong to such a loving community of good people.



**David & Vicki Walker** are joining as full time members by reaffirmation of faith. David is a research physicist and enjoys biking. Vicki grew up attending temple in Oklahoma, attended the United Church of Canada and a Unitarian Church in Virginia. They are grateful for the warm welcome received at VPC and look forward to becoming active members.

**CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE 2024-2025 VPC CONCERT SERIES!**

The brochure will be emailed on October 15th. Mark your calendars and send in your support for our incredible concert series at VPC! Thanks, Dr. Jim.

## JOIN IN OUR COMMUNITY AND MEET US UNDER THE SPIRE!

We have many opportunities for you to participate in the life and ministry of Vanderbilt. Missions, Bible Study, Lunches, Worship, Education, and more. Check out the list below to see where you fit in and Join Us Under the Spire!

- **COINS FOR A CAUSE:** Donate to help communities in crisis. Look for collection containers in our VLC & Sunday School classrooms or the Children's Ministry Table in the Narthex. Benefitting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join us as we study the upcoming readings for worship. **Wednesday evenings** in the Library at **6pm**
- **VANDERBILT LADIES WHO LUNCH:** All single ladies are welcome the second Monday of each month. Please email Barbara Hebert for more information [barbillsr@aol.com](mailto:barbillsr@aol.com).
- **SIGN UP TO SAVE A LIFE AT THE VPC BLOOD DRIVE:** Please call the office (597-5410) to sign up for a time to donate on Sunday, **10/13** between **9am-12pm**.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session, at its September 23, 2024 meeting approved a request of the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) to hold a Congregational meeting on **Sunday, October 13, 2024** immediately following the 10am worship service for the purpose of approving an Elder to fill unexpired terms. - Richard A. Hilton, Clerk of Session
- **LUNCH BUNCH:** Sign up in Fellowship Hall to join a group of friends at a local restaurant. We meet at **12pm** on **10/13**.
- **FAMILY LED WORSHIP:** Plan to attend Family Led Worship on **10/20**
- **CHILI COOK-OFF:** Bring your best batch of homemade chili and plan to stay for Trunk or Treat! Wednesday, **10/23** at **5:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. Email Heather to sign up [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org).
- **TRUNK OR TREAT:** Our community will gather together following the Chili Cook-Off for Trunk or Treat. Please email Heather to reserve your spot by **10/20**. We will gather at **6:30pm** on **10/23** in the parking lot for the Trunk or Treat event. [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org)
- **CAFÉ OF LIFE:** Join us as we gather to serve a meal to those in need. Donations of food and volunteers are needed. Leitner Park, 26724 Nomad Dr., Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Email Eliza Nevin [elizanevin@comcast.net](mailto:elizanevin@comcast.net). Next date: **10/25** at **9am**
- **MEDICARE BASICS EVENT:** SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) will be at VPC for "One-on-One Medicare counseling event" on **10/25** between **9:30am - 2:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. It is free and confidential and meant to help answer questions.
- **COLLIER HARVEST PACKING EVENT:** Join us to pack bags of healthy and nutritious food for our hungry neighbors across Collier County. Email Pete Rodino to volunteer [pvrodino@aol.com](mailto:pvrodino@aol.com). 4451 Mercantile Ave. **10/28** at **4:15pm**
- **FRIENDS IN FAITH:** VPC's women's Bible study "sisterhood". We meet on the last Wednesday of each month, October through May, from 10am -11:30am, in Harp Hall to study a topic for spiritual growth. This year, the book will be *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. For more information, contact Lois Ann Folliard, [lafolliard@gmail.com](mailto:lafolliard@gmail.com). Our first meeting is **10/30**.
- **PLEASE!** Sponsor chancel flowers or 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.



	Sonja Cookson	Beth Lee	Alexandra Smith
	Stephanie Copley	Olga Lvova	Jocelyn Stein
	Dick Creviston	Doris Martin	Erik Strandwitz
	Sigrid "Siggi"	Terry Morehouse	Bruce & Heidi Stryker
	Deneke & Family	Joan Mountford	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
	Bill & Joyce Dersch	Donna Mullin	Carol Ward
The Anderson &	Joe Feddern	Ivana Novelli	Bill & CC Waskey
King Families	Joe Felipe	Laura Piipponen	Marion Wayenberg
Alexis Bevan	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Karen Rodino	Lori West
Raphael Bundage	George Guthy	Eddie Roche	Chris Wood & Family
Lee Burwinkle	Kate Hafner	Father Monty Sayers	
Joan Butler	Barbara Hurst	Marilyn & Sam Schellar	<b><i>Those affected by</i></b>
Adriana Caruso	Sandra Johnson	The Schneider Family	<b><i>Hurricanes Helene and</i></b>
Bob & Jan Conrad	Cynthia Lacher	Harriet Shouldice	<b><i>Milton</i></b>

### Happy Birthday!

*Ann Windley	10/15
Karen Rohde	10/15
*Tom Grundstrom	10/15
*Lynn Rosser	10/17
*Craig Grider	10/17
Ron Davis	10/18
Marion Truax	10/18
*Rod MacLeod	10/18
Sharon Doggett	10/19



### Happy Anniversary!

Paul & Kathryn Higbee      10/16

\* **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)	

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