



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 27, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost — Reformation Sunday

The chancel flowers are sponsored in loving memory of my parents, Bill & Ona Jones, by Judy Peabody.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in celebration of Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday, by the Stewardship Ministry Team

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*
Jerry Grandey, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpeter*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Bill & Geri Payne
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Sonja
 Cookson, Henry Gaylord, Jack & Ellen Tanner,
 Joe Trees

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-8

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD and was saved from every trouble.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Prelude: "Two Trumpet Tunes in D Major" Henry Purcell (1659-1695) & David N. Johnson (1922-1987)
Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Steve Woodring

* Call to Worship:

I will bless the Lord at all times,

God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

Let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

Let us exalt God's name together!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #260: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

EIN FESTE BURG

1. **A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

2. **Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?**

**Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name,
from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.**

3. **And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.**

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4. That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,

this mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through Christ our Lord. *(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 42:10-17

¹⁰ And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends, and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had

known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹² The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years and saw his children and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Aria"

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

The Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "A Gift from God"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.
Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)

The Chancel Choir

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!" Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise him, our almighty King!" Praise him, angel hosts above, Ever bright and fair in Love; Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Night and stars, in God rejoice. Warriors fighting for the Lord, Prophets burning with his word, Those to whom the arts belong Add their voices to the song. Kings of knowledge and of law, To the glorious circle draw; All who work and all who wait, Sing "The Lord is good and great!" Men and women, young and old, Raise the anthem loud and bold. And let children's' happy hearts in this worship take their parts: From the north to southern pole Let the mighty chorus roll: "Holy, Holy, Holy One; Glory be to God alone!"

*** 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 #423: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"**

DUKE STREET

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| 1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more. | And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name. |
| 2. To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice. | 4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed. |
| 3. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song, | 5. Let every creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen! |

*** Commission and Blessing:**

People of God, go in peace and walk humbly in the world.

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: "The Rejoicing"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

November 3, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Jim Berger

Sermon: "Finding Tomorrow"

First Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

STAFF UPDATES

We have had some staffing updates to announce:

- **Heather Mikes**, is now Director of Christian Education and Vanderbilt Learning Center. Heather expanded her job responsibilities to include the VLC.
- **Dominique Nash**, is our new Children's Ministry Assistant. She works as a teacher in the Pre-2 class and assists Heather with VPC Christian Education program.
- **Tom Grundstrom**, is the Assistant to the Pastor/Adult Education Coordinator. He will be working with Pastor Rob and coordinating adult education.

WOULD YOU LIKE GIVING ENVELOPES?

Please let us know if you would like weekly giving envelopes.

Please call Barbara or sign up in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday mornings.

597-5410

God's gift to me....my gift to God

2025 Annual Stewardship

Stewardship packets have been mailed to VPC members.

If you did not receive yours, please pick up a copy in the Narthex or the office.

Extra **Estimate of Giving cards** are in the pews



Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Stewardship Sundays:

October 27 - Speaker #1

November 3 - Speaker #2

November 10 - Speaker #3

November 17 -
Dedication Sunday

November 24 -
Thank You Sunday

JOIN IN OUR COMMUNITY AND MEET 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.
- **CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!** Next week, **November 3** Daylight Savings Time ENDS!
- **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.
- **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. 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. For more information, contact Lois Ann Folliard, lafolliard@gmail.com. Our first meeting is **10/30**.
- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** We will take a short break and return to our regular meetings on **Wednesday, November 13** at **6pm** in the Library.
- **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Each year we decorate the church for Christmas and we need YOU! Can you spare some time on **November 21 or 22 anytime between 10am-3pm**? Call the office and let us know! 597-5410.
- **PLEASE!** Sponsor chancel flowers or fellowship hours! Call the office - 597-5410.
- **HOME COMMUNION:** Call the office if you would like to receive communion at home.

The 2024-2025 Concert Series at Vanderbilt



Pick up a brochure in the Office or Narthex.
Mark your calendars!
Thank you for your support!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

We are introducing the offering to our children during the annual 2025 Stewardship Campaign! Every Sunday, all classes will pass the plate to collect the offering and participate in the Doxology. Share your gifts! We will continue after the campaign ends.



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.



Michael Averginos	Bill & Joyce Dersch	Terry Morehouse	Jodi Reckmeyer
John Baird	Jean Dugan	Joan Mountford	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Alexis Bevan	Jim Everson	Donna Mullin	Carol Ward
Lee Burwinkle	Joe Feddern	Ivana Novelli	Bill & CC Waskey
Joan Butler	Joe Felipe	Laura Piipponen	Marion Wayenberg
Adriana Caruso	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Karen Rodino	Lori West
Bob & Jan Conrad	Kate Hafner	Eddie Roche	Chris Wood & Family
Stephanie Copley	Elaine Hinkle	Father Monty Sayers	The Woodring Family
Dick Creviston	Jill Holstine	Marilyn & Sam Schellar	All those suffering due to the Israel and Ukraine Wars.
Sigrid "Siggi"	Sandra Johnson	Harriet Shouldice	Those affected by the recent hurricanes.
Deneke & Family	Cynthia Lacher	Alexandra Smith	
	Beth Lee	Jocelyn Stein	
	Olga Lvova	Erik Strandwitz	
	Doris Martin	Bruce & Heidi Stryker	

Happy Birthday!

Shelby Gallo	10/27
John Roth	10/27
Todd Truax	10/28
Gregory Hudson	10/28
*Evangeline Mikes	10/31
Bill Shouldice	10/31
*Doug Dunn	11/01
Rob Kaderly	11/01
Olivia Trees	11/02

* 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!

Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

Why do **STEPHEN MINISTERS** care for others?

In Ephesians 4:1, the apostle Paul gives us the answer, "live a life worthy of the calling you have received."



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)

PVT E2 Joshua Fowler,
 US Army, Columbus, GA
 (Joe & Sharon Doggett'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**