



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 6, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in appreciation of the Membership & Involvement Team for welcoming new members and encouraging new relationships within the congregation by Pete Schwiars.

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*
Brooke Vayda, *Children's Moment*
Susie Hilton, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Dick Clark & Priscilla Kutler
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Barbara Hebert, Carline Lobban, Carolyn Magarro, Anne Smith
Communion Servers: Janie Ballurio, Karen Chappler, Joe & Sharon Doggett, Ben Hood, Eliza Nevin, Jane Repp, Tim Riggers, Jack & Ellen Tanner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 8

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Prelude: "Prayer"

Julius Chajes (1910-1985)

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

To my sisters and brothers I will tell your glory:

O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

In the great congregation I will sing your praise:

O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #386: "O For A World"

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| 1. O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise. | That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice. |
| 2. O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared,
Equality achieved. | 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong,
Who perishes will rise. |
| 3. We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice | 5. O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease. |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

God's grace: 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

Brooke Vayda

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 1:1; 2:1-10

^{1:1} There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. ^{2:1} One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and the accuser also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ² The LORD said to the accuser, "Where have you come from?" The accuser answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it." ³ The LORD said to the accuser, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." ⁴ Then the accuser answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that the man has he will give for his life. ⁵ But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone

and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.”⁶ The LORD said to the accuser, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”⁷ So the accuser went out from the presence of the LORD and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.⁸ Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself and sat among the ashes.⁹ Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God and die.”¹⁰ But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive good from God and not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16

² Some, testing him, asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?”⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.”⁵ But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’⁷ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh.⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.¹¹ He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her,¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them.¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: “He Blessed Them”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Offertory"

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

The Chancel Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, With ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice and to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your 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**

Pastoral Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion: Improvisation

Julie Carver

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn #145: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION

1. Rejoice ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice! rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2. Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe. *Refrain*

3. At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

4. Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King. *Refrain*

* Commission and Blessing:

Come to Christ as a little child,

And you will find welcome in the realm of God.

Alleluia!

Amen!

* The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

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.

Postlude: "A Short Voluntary"

John Worgan (1724-1790)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

October 13, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: "All Things are Possible"

First Reading: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31

IN SYMPATHY

*We are saddened to announce the death of VPC member, **Elwood "Woody" Schneider**, on September 25, 2024 at the age of 93. Woody and his late wife, Lynne, were members of Vanderbilt for over 34 years. He passed away in the care of Avow Hospice. Please keep his family, in your prayers during this tender time.*



Weekend Power Pack!

The Mission Team would like to say **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who helped pack the food on Sunday after worship for the Weekend Power Pack. We had so many volunteers and enjoyed the fellowship that comes from doing a good deed together. Thank you for being the hands of Christ in our community!



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!

- **ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP:** Join us following worship to learn about membership at Vanderbilt. Meet in the Sanctuary at **11:15am - 10/6**
- **HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE:** Bring in a costume for children in need. Final day - **10/6**
- **PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING FOR THE PCUSA:** Your gift enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Envelopes are in the Narthex - Final day - **10/6**
- **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.
- **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.
- **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
- **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. 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.
- **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. Our first meeting is **10/30**

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.



	Bob & Jan Conrad	Cynthia Lacher	Harriet Shouldice
	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 & King Families	Joe Feddern	Ivana Novelli	Bill & CC Waskey
Alexis Bevan	Joe Felipe	Laura Piipponen	Marion Wayenberg
Raphael Bundage	The Free Family	Karen Rodino	Lori West
Lee Burwinkle	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Eddie Roche	Chris Wood & Family
Joan Butler	Kate Hafner	Father Monty Sayers	
Adriana Caruso	Barbara Hurst	Marilyn & Sam Schellar	
	Sandra Johnson	The Schneider Family	

Happy Birthday!

Elizabeth Boutell	10/6
Bill Koppelkam	10/7
*Rosemary Ufheil	10/7
Tom Teasdale	10/8
Kathleen Vance	10/9
*Gloria Hagopian	10/10
Sherry Hardgrove	10/10
Jo-Ann Degelmann	10/11
Louise Eliot	10/11

Stan Swihart	10/11
Rob MacKinlay	10/11
Sloane Mullen	10/11
Gary Karnes	10/12
Don Corcoran	10/12
*Riley Mikes	10/12



Happy Anniversary!

Gregory & Laurin Skrabonja	10/6
Barbara & Russ Thomas	10/7
Tom & Elaine Nale	10/7
David & Karen Lawrence	10/10

* **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**