

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church



"Freely you have received, freely give."

- Matthew 10:8

2025

ANNUAL

STEWARDSHIP



Help us make a difference in 2025.

Stewardship occurs in many ways and when done selflessly, it honors the giver, the receiver, and most importantly, God. Jesus' ministry was defined by the transformational ways he gave of himself. Each year Vanderbilt seeks pledges to fund 100% of our operating budget for the coming year that allows us to live into our mission and ministries. Join us as we continue to *Freely Give to God* to make a difference within and beyond our walls.

Why Pledge?

When you make a pledge, you're not just estimating your giving for the year ahead - you're making a commitment to support your faith community in all its endeavors. Your pledge helps to fund everything from the salaries of our staff to our outreach ministries, worship, education programs, music, and facilities. But pledging is also a way to transform your giving into a spiritual practice. By making a commitment to God and your church, you're making giving a regular part of your spiritual life, just like attending worship, praying, studying, and serving others in need. So consider making a pledge today, and help us continue to make God's love visible.



*“Freely you have received,
freely give.”*

- Matthew 10:8

What Kind of Giver Are You?

Pledging Giver

When you make a faithful commitment, it allows us to plan strategically and responsibly. As a leader in our church, you directly impact the ministries we offer and the reach we have within and beyond our walls. How might you be able to make a more impactful commitment in 2025? Thank you in advance for your generosity!

First Time Giver

Have you been attending regularly or are you new? We are only able to do what we do when you generously donate. An Estimate of Giving Card is an anticipation of giving that can be paid weekly, monthly, with a one-time gift, or through stocks or bonds. Each year 100% of what we do as a community occurs because of financial support from people like you!

Consistent Giver

Consistent givers routinely contribute but have not yet filled out an Estimate of Giving Card. If you are a consistent giver, we appreciate your support and hope you consider completing an Estimate of Giving Card for 2025. This will allow us to better plan our ministries and initiatives.

Giving is not just about making a donation, its about making a difference.

Your generosity and commitment will allow us to meet our ongoing operating expenses, grow our church family, and make investments in ministries within and beyond our walls. Giving together, we can ensure we do not have to unnecessarily limit the ways we live our ministry in the community we call home.

Reaching our goal in 2025 will make a difference in the following ways:

- Continue offering abundant worship, music, and ministry experiences.
- Expand and future-plan for our thriving Children & Youth Ministries.
- Increase opportunities for Adult Education offerings.
- Increase outreach giving, mission, and community engagement.
- Invite world-renowned guests to speak, teach, and preach.
- Make further investments in our gifted clergy and staff team.
- Increase administrative and capital resources needed for our growing community.



2022

Homes Pledged: 236
Average Pledge: \$4,073
Total Pledged: \$961,248



2023

Homes Pledged: 216
Average Pledge: \$4,212
Total Pledged: \$903,438



2024

Homes Pledged: 225
Average Pledge: \$4,456
Total Pledged: \$1,002,536



2025

\$1,200,000



Reflect

Pray about how the Spirit may be calling you to generously continue to make a difference within and beyond our walls.



Respond

Complete the Pledge Card(s) provided or make an online commitment that you can fulfill anytime during 2025.



Rejoice

Bring your completed Pledge Card to church on or before Sunday, **November 17, 2024**, Dedication Sunday.



Almighty God,

Your word tells us that our lives do not consist in the abundance of our own possessions, but rather in the abundance that is you. We thank you, Lord, for all the ways in which you have blessed us, in all the ways you've freely given us gifts. You have done wondrous things in our community, and you are still not done!

Guide us in this season as we prepare and plan our church budget for next year. We pray for a clear vision and abundant provision. We pray for courage in our dreaming, wisdom in our planning, and hope amidst the unknown. We know that giving freely is not easy, but it is what you have called us to do. May we live into that truth.

Help us to trust you in this season with our time, our resources, and our commitments. Help us to give with freedom. Not only for us, Lord, but for the glory of your name. Teach us to follow your ways so that we might teach the future generations and show us your generous gifts so that we might respond the same.

Amen

Please set up or update your recurring and online giving amount on January 1, 2025.

Submit your 2025 Pledge Card online: www.vpcnaples.org/stewardship

1225 Piper Blvd.
Naples, Florida 34110
239-597-5410
www.vpcnaples.org

