



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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November 10, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers adorning the chancel are donated by Barbara Hebert
in honor of our troops and our veterans. We are the land of the free because of the brave.

The flowers adorning the chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored by the Grider Family.
We are Grateful for our Veterans! Thank you to all of those who have served in the U.S. Military Services.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Tom Grundstrom, *Guest Preacher*
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*

Jim Muir, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Pat Gagliano & Barbara Hebert
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers),
Ron & Linda Addaman, Dick Clark, Ben Hood

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Prelude: "What God Ordains is Best"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Steve Blad

* Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord!

The Lord will never leave us alone.

Let the name of the Lord be renowned throughout the earth,

Now and forever.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #562: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

1. **Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.**

2. **O Savior, whose almighty word
The wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage did sleep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.**

3. **O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease,
And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.**

4. **O Trinity of love and power,
All travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Dear God, you gave us your only son, yet we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Christ, who is our high priest, made himself a sacrifice once and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, be reconciled to God, sin no more, and do all things for the glory of God.

Amen.

* 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

Psalm 127:1-5

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. ² It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil, for he gives sleep to his beloved. ³ Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. ⁵ Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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Message: "All In"

Tom Grundstrom

* The Affirmation of Faith:

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image of all genders, of every race and people, to live as one community. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "God Bless America"

Irving Berlin (1888-1989) arr. Roy Ringwald (1910-1995)
The Chancel Choir

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam.

God bless America, my home sweet home.

* 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 #564: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"**

MATERNA

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| <p>1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!</p> <p>2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!</p> | <p>3. O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine.</p> <p>4. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing:**

Trust in the Lord and know that God is at work within you.

Alleluia!

Amen!

*** Congregational Postlude: Hymn #561: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"**

AMERICA

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| <p>1. My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside,
Let freedom ring!</p> <p>2. My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.</p> | <p>3. Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.</p> <p>4. Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.</p> |
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SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

November 17, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Family Led Worship

Sermon: "Do Not Be Led Astray"

First Reading: Hebrews 10:11-18

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8

November 10, 2024 at 4 p.m.

John Cummins, Organist

Dr. Cummins will play works of Widor, Couperin, Bach, Locklair, Sandresky, and Vierne, including the thrilling *Carillon de Westminster*.



TODAY

Pick up a brochure for a full list of concerts.
Copies are available in the Office or the Narthex.

THANK YOU

TOM GRUNDSTROM!

We welcome Tom Grundstrom to our pulpit today.

Tom and his wife, Ann, joined Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church last fall, after they relocated from North Carolina. Before retiring as an IT executive in the Clinical Research industry for 30 years, Tom served two different churches in the Evangelical Covenant Church of America as an ordained minister.

IN SYMPATHY

We are saddened to announce the death of VPC member, **William (Bill) Dersch**, on October 31, 2024 at the age of 80. Bill and his wife, Joyce, have been members of Vanderbilt for over 36 years. Please keep Joyce and family in your prayers during this tender time. You may send a card to: 1435 Mariposa Cir Apt 102, Naples, FL 34105. Plans for a memorial service have not been announced.



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.



God's gift to me.....my gift to God
2025 Annual Stewardship



Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

JOIN IN OUR COMMUNITY AND MEET US UNDER THE SPIRE!

- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** **Wednesday, November 13** at **6pm** in the Library.
- **MEEUWSEN MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Daniel Meeuwsen's memorial will be held on Saturday, **November 16 at 10:30am** with a reception in Fellowship Hall afterwards.
- **JOIN THE VPC BOOK CLUB:** Email Peggy Landon, mlandon711@gmail.com, to join our lunch at Seasons 52 on **Monday, November 18 at 11:45am**. We will pick books and enjoy fellowship.
- **COLLIER HARVEST:** Our packing event is **Monday, November 18 at 4:15pm**. Email Pete Rodino for more information or to volunteer: pvrodino@aol.com.
- **HAGOPIAN MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Join us on **November 21, at 11am**, as we celebrate the life of longtime member, Gloria Hagopian. The event will be held in the theater at the BRADFORD SQUARE COMMUNITY, 3255 Vanderbilt Beach Road - Naples.
- **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Can you spare some time to decorate the church for Christmas? **November 21 or 22 anytime between 10am-3pm**? Mark your calendar for the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, **November 24** after worship! 597-5410
- **STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION OF THANKS BRUNCH:** Join us on **November 24** after worship!
- **GIVING ENVELOPES:** Let us know if you want giving envelopes. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.
- **THE STEPHEN MINISTRY** tradition of high-quality, lay Christian leaders makes a profound difference for the Stephen Minister and for their care receivers. Stephen Ministers help you seek comfort in God's word.

Join us for an Interfaith
Thanksgiving
service

Join with various houses of faith in our neighborhood to give thanks and pray with one united voice.

Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7:00pm
St. Monica's Episcopal Church
7070 Immokalee Rd, Naples, FL 34119

sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE
ACHIEVING DEMOCRACY TOGETHER



Christmas TOY Drive!

Every Christmas, VPC delights in our Toy Drive, bringing joy to deserving children in need. Toys will go to the Salvation Army & Mision Peniel.



Misión Peniel

Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the office, church or school by Sunday, December 10, 2024.

Thank You



Take a tag from the tree for Mision Peniel toy donations and a bag from under the tree in the wooden crates. The tree is located in the Narthex. Then place the gift in the bag and return it to the church by **December 10**.

Wednesday Night Lights!

WNL Gratitude Potluck 2024!

For dinner on Wednesday, **November 20th**, we will be having a Thanksgiving Feast and celebrating our blessings. Please sign up to bring an entree, side dish or dessert to share. **ALL children and adults are welcome to stay for dinner at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall!** Come early for Alleluia Choir at 5:00pm in Cochran Hall! We will continue to make cards for Military and First Responders. Be sure to bring an unwrapped toy for the Christmas toy drive. Thank you! Email Heather to sign up hmikes@vpcnaples.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Joy TO THE World

Ladies Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 14, 2024
11:00 a.m.

All girls, young women and ladies are invited.
Look for more information, coming soon!



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	The Dersch Family	Beth Lee	Jocelyn Stein
John Baird	Jean Dugan	Olga Lvova	Bruce & Heidi Stryker
Alexis Bevan	Joe Feddern	Doris Martin	Jodi Reckmeyer
Lew Bevan	Joe Felipe	Joan Mountford	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Joan Butler	Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt	Ivana Novelli	Marion Wayenberg
Adriana Caruso	Kate Hafner	Laura Piipponen	Lori West
Bob & Jan Conrad	Susie Hilton	Karen Rodino	Chris Wood & Family
Dick Creviston	Elaine Hinkle	Father Monty Sayers	
Sigrid "Siggi"	Jill Holstine	Marilyn & Sam Schellar	
Deneke & Family	Sandra Johnson	Harriet Shouldice	

PRAYER
list

NOVEMBER



Happy Birthday!

*Bill Payne	11/10
*Jim Hawkins	11/10
Barbara Henry	11/10
*Michael Bevilacqua	11/10
Capriana Davies	11/11
Patti Runkel	11/12
Martha Broeker	11/13
Tarie Curtiss	11/13
Ben Hood	11/15
Jack Ballurio	11/16

Happy Anniversary!

**Charles & Caitlin Whittington	11/10
William & Gillian Raymond	11/14

* 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)

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)

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad and all veterans who have served our country bravely. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

