



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 17, 2024 — 10:00 am

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost — Family Led Worship

All of the music today is presented to the glory of God and in memory of Virginia McNabb, longtime choir member at Vanderbilt. RIP, "VA" (11/17/1928 - 8/24/2024).

The flowers on the Chancel are sponsored by the Meeuwsen Family in celebration of the life of Daniel P. Meeuwsen.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in loving memory of my husband, Larry, by Sonja Cookson.

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
Evangeline Mikes, Youth Liturgist
Ellen Tanner, Liturgist
Julie Carver, Pianist

The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Jan Fern & Pat Gagliano
Youth Greeters: Evelyn & Parker Whittington
Evva Crown, Youth Acolyte
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Doug Dunn, Henry Gaylord, Price & Carol Lindsay, Dianne Westerlund
Youth Ushers: Olivia Carver, Lena Crown

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

⁷ I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹ You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Prelude: "Aria"

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Announcements

Moment for Stephen Ministry

Jody Nowry

* Call to Worship:

Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

Because we keep the Lord ever before us, we shall not be moved.

Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad! Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

For God does not give us up to death, but shows us the path of life. Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God.

* **Hymn #144: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! "**

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| <p>1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood.</p> <p>2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.</p> | <p>Though the cloud from sight received Him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?</p> <p>3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to Thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars, and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. We follow after false leaders and grasp for whatever security we can find. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come; through Jesus 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

Hebrews 10:11-18

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, ¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," ¹⁷ and he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 13:1-8

13:1 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" 2 Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." 3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Do Not Be Led Astray"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith:**

From the Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Amen.

Presentation of Estimates of Giving

Pledge Dedication

Offering

Offertory: "Sunset and Evening Star"

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

The Chancel Choir

Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea, But such a tide as moving seems asleep, Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, When I embark; For though from out our bourne of time and place The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar.

- Alfred, Lord Tennyson

*** 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 #142: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

CORONATION

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| <p>1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!</p> | <p>3. Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!</p> |
| <p>2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!</p> | <p>4. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!</p> |

*** Commission and Blessing:**

Hold fast to hope, for God is faithful.

We strive to stir one another to love and good deeds while we watch for the coming of Christ's reign.

Alleluia!

Amen!

Special Music: "A Gaelic Blessing"

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Chancel Choir

Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

Words adapted from an old Gaelic rune

*** 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: "Festive Finale"

Phil Lehenbauer (b. 1960)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

November 24, 2024 — 10:00 am

Christ the King Sunday

Sermon: "Time to Testify"

First Reading: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37

IN SYMPATHY

*We are saddened to announce the death of VPC member, **Bayne Carew**, on November 7, 2024 at the age of 92. Bayne and his wife, Myrna, have been affiliate members of Vanderbilt for over 17 years. Please keep Myrna and family in your prayers during this tender time. You may send a card to: 869 East Liberty Street, Milford, MI 48381. A memorial service will take place in February 2025 in Michigan.*

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



Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Christmas Tea

Joy TO THE World

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

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministers help you to tell God the reasons why you love him and value his presence in your life.

Here at Vanderbilt we have



Join us at the Heifer Fair on
Sunday, 12/8 in Fellowship Hall.



Support transformational change from the ground up. Our projects provide animals, training and basic necessities to help families lift themselves out of poverty.

JOIN IN OUR COMMUNITY AND MEET US UNDER THE SPIRE!

- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** **Wednesdays** at **6pm** in the Library.
- **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.
- **FRIENDS IN FAITH:** Join us on **Wednesday, November 20 at 10am** for our study of "Sacred Encounters." Email Lois Ann Folliard with questions, lafolliard@gmail.com.
- **ALLELUIA CHOIR:** Our next rehearsal is **Wednesday, November 20 at 5pm** in Cochran Hall!
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS - GRATITUDE POTLUCK:** Our Thanksgiving Feast for WNL will be **Wednesday, November 20 at 5:30pm**. Please email Heather (hmikes@vpcnaples.org) to bring an entrée, side dish or dessert to share. ALL children and adults are welcome!
- **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.
- **HELP US HANG THE GREENS!** Mark your calendar for the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, **November 24** after worship! 597-5410
- **INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** Join with different houses of faith in our neighborhood to give thanks with one united voice. **Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7pm** at St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road.
- **GIVING ENVELOPES:** Let us know if you want giving envelopes. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.



Thank You

The 2024-2025 Stewardship Ministry Team wants to thank you for your generosity!



Join us, following worship on Sunday, November 24 in Fellowship Hall for a thank you brunch!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

- **COLLIER HARVEST:** Our packing event is **Monday, November 18 at 4:15pm**. Email Pete Rodino for more information or to volunteer: pvrodino@aol.com.
- **CAFÉ OF LIFE:** We will serve a meal on **Friday, November 29 at 9:15am**. Leitner Park in Bonita Springs. Email Eliza Nevin with questions or to volunteer (elizanevin@comcast.net).
- **GRACE PLACE:** Can you help? Grace Place has many volunteer opportunities. Check out the bulletin board by the office for a complete listing of needs. Thank you in advance for your service!
- **CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE!** Bring a new, unwrapped toy to help us bring Christmas to deserving children. 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**. You can also donate to the Salvation Army Toys-for-Tots. Boxes in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and Learning Center.

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



Happy Birthday!

Mary Giles	11/17
*Janet Minch	11/17
Linda Swihart	11/17
Gordon Black	11/18
*Pete Rodino	11/20
*Dave Hinkler	11/21
*Fran Lauriat	11/23
Scarlett Mullen	11/23
West Reardon	11/23



Happy Anniversary!

Joseph & Jane Higdon	11/17
Bruce & Heidi Stryker	11/18
Ted & Jane Beisler	11/19
Herb & Marciadee Newman	11/23

*** 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. Grasseti
(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**