



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 24, 2024 — 10:00 am

Christ the King Sunday

The flowers on the chancel are sponsored in loving memory of my husband, Larry, by Sonja Cookson and in loving memory of our daughter, Minnette Reckmeyer Frank, by Bill & Jodi Reckmeyer.

The Fellowship Hour is a special **Thank You** brunch for the whole congregation in thanksgiving for the response to the 2025 **God's gift to me.....my gift to God** Stewardship campaign.

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
Greg Borden, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Barbara Hebert & Bob Miller
Ushers: Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Steve Blad, Sonja Cookson, Nancy Guthy, Anne Smith

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 132:1-12

- ¹ O LORD, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured;
² how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
³ "I will not enter my house or get into my bed;
⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,
⁵ until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
⁶ We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.
⁷ "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool."
⁸ Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.
⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.
¹⁰ For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.
¹¹ The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back:
"One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.
¹² If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them,
their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."

Prelude: "Hymn of Thanksgiving"

Netherlands Folk Song arr., M. P. Sechel

Gordon Black, Piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,

And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #559: "We Gather Together"

KREMSER

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| 1. We gather together to ask
the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing
now cease from
distressing,
Sing praises to His name;
He forgets not His own. | 2. Beside us to guide us, our
God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His
kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the
fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our
side;
all glory be Thine! | 3. We all do extol Thee, Thou
leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still
our defender will be.
Let Thy congregation
escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever
praised! O Lord, make us
free! |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. (silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

Live as a people set free.

* 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

2 Samuel 23:1-7

23:1 Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: 2 The spirit of the LORD speaks through me; his word is upon my tongue. 3 The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me: "One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, 4 is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land." 5 Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? 6 But the godless are all like thorns

that are thrown away, for they cannot be picked up with the hand; ⁷ to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn #150: "Come Christians, Join to Sing"**

MADRID

**1. Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!**

**He is our guide and friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end;
Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice;
Alleluia! Amen!**

**3. Praise yet our Christ again;
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!**

**2. Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!**

**On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"**

The Gospel Reading

John 18:33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Time to Testify"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Revelation 22:13; Philippians 2:9-11

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and God. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "A Psalm of Praise"

Benjamin Harlan (b. 1954)

The Chancel Choir

Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His power! Praise ye the Lord for His mighty acts and for His excellent greatness! With the sound of the trumpet praise Him! And with the sound of the harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance. With the stringed instruments and organ! With cymbals! With high sounding cymbals! With every breath praise ye the Lord! Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; His mercy is deep and His love so pure, The Lord is greatly to be praised. And as far as the east is from the west, And the mountains from the sea. Even so is our Father's great love for me; He is greatly to be praised!

*** 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 #151: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

DIADEMATA

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| 1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity. | 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet. |
| 2. Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright. | 4. Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity. |

*** Commission and Blessing:**

*There is no greater joy in life, no greater freedom,
Than to offer our lives in service to God.
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: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

December 1, 2024 — 10:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

Sermon: "Preparations"

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

A.I.M.

Adventures In Membership

**Are you interested in joining
our church family?**

**Join us for worship and stay for a
brief Q&A with Pastor Rob as we
chat about Vanderbilt and what it
means to be involved in the
ministry of Christ's church.**

*childcare provided

December 1 – 11:15am

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!

Gift of LOVE

Join us for the "Hanging of the Greens" as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas!
Sunday, November 24, 2024, following the worship service.

- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library.
- **INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7pm** at St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road.
- **HOME COMMUNION:** If you know of someone in need of Home Communion, please call the office at 597-5410. The Deacons will be happy to deliver communion.
- **GIVING ENVELOPES:** Let us know if you want giving envelopes. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

- **CAFÉ OF LIFE: Friday, November 29 at 9:15 am.** Leitner Park in Bonita Springs. Email Eliza Nevin with questions or to volunteer (elizanevin@comcast.net).
- **GRACE PLACE** has many volunteer opportunities. Check out the bulletin board by the office for a complete listing of needs.
- **HEIFER FAIR: Sunday, December 8** in Fellowship Hall after worship! Our projects provide animals, training and basic necessities to help families lift themselves out of poverty.
- **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.
- **WEEKEND POWER PACK: Thursday, December 12 at 10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall will be our next packing event. We also need donations for this worthy mission.
- **MISION PENIEL: Friday, December 13 at 1 pm** - We will meet at the church to caravan to Mision Peniel to spend the day working. Email Karen Chappler for information (kchappler@aol.com).

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministers are called to help you to understand God's great and mysterious presence in your life. God's spirit dwells in all of our lives.

Mark your
Calendars



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 12 P.M.

ADVENT NOONTIME CONCERT

SUSAN NORBECK, FLUTE & JIM COCHRAN, PIANO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 4 P.M.

ANNUAL CHOIRS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 12 P.M.

ADVENT NOONTIME CONCERT

GORDON BLACK & JULIE CARVER, ORGAN & PIANO

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 6 P.M.

VANDERBILT LEARNING CENTER CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 12 P.M.

ADVENT NOONTIME CONCERT

SHERRY HARDGROVE, SOPRANO & JIM COCHRAN, PIANO



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



PRAYER LIST

NOVEMBER

Happy Anniversary!

Lou & Mary Thompson	11/24
Max & Pat Gould	11/25
Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken	11/26
Tim & Jill Hall	11/26
Don & Ruth Schulte	11/27
Bob & Madge Bush	11/28
Rob & Gayle Kaderly	11/28

Happy Birthday!

*Herb Nelson	11/25
*Bob Kassing	11/27
Sharon Messmore	11/27
*George Cheatham	11/27
Jane Beisler	11/29
*Mary Lynn Myers	11/30

* 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)

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

Please let the office know if you are in the hospital. [239-597-5410](tel:239-597-5410)