

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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May 11, 2025 - 10:00 am

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The flowers on the Chancel are sponsored in honor of all mothers and in loving memory of Ethel Burlingham Lea and Charlene Muir, our mothers, from Sally & Jim Muir.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in honor of the Bevilacqua & Sciascia Families.

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

Ellen Tanner, Liturgist

Gordon Black, Pianist

The Chancel Choir

The Campanile Ringers, Gordon Black, Director

Devon Grider, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: David & Beth Lee

Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head

Ushers), Ron & Linda Addaman, Pat Rose, Lynn
Thomas

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs,
you have gathered a people
from every tribe and language
to praise your name eternally.
Join our song with all of heaven
as we worship you this day
in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

Prelude: "Morning Has Broken"
"O Worship the King"

Traditional Gaelic Melody, arr. Bill Ingram
Robert Grant, arr. Ingram

The Campanile Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Peggy Free - The Presbyterian Delegation to
the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

* The Call to Worship

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn: "It is Well With My Soul"

VILLE DU HAVRE

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to
say, "It is well, it is well with my soul!"

Refrain:

It is well with my soul!
It is well, it is well with my soul!

2. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain

3. My sin—oh, the bliss
of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His Cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Refrain

4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live;
If dark hours about me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.
Refrain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace.
(silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

Friends, believe the good news!

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 Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My

Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Psalm 23:1-6

¹ *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

² *He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;*

³ *he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.*

⁴ *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

⁵ *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

⁶ *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "It's Good to Be a Sheep"

Tom Grundstrom

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Be Thou My Vision"

David Barton (b. 1983)

The Chancel Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might; Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower; O raise me heavenward, great Power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Be thou mine inheritance now and always; Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall; Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*** 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 #115: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

ST KEVIN

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| 1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them, with unmoistened foot,
Through the Red Sea waters. | 2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ has burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem,
And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection. |
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*** Commission and Blessing:**

Go forth to follow paths of righteousness;

We will go forth, following paths of peace;

And may God's goodness and mercy follow you as you serve the risen Lord. 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: "Plein Jeu" from Livre d'orgue

Pierre DuMage (1674-1751)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES
FOR NEXT WEEK**

May 18, 2025 - 10:00 am

**Family Led Worship
Graduation Sunday**

Sermon: "Making All Things New"

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

Second Reading: Revelations 21:1-6



STEPHEN MINISTRY:

The Christian care process of Stephen Ministry has Jesus at work, glorifying through the Stephen care giver.



*"Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way you will
fulfill the law of Christ."*

Galatians 6:2

IN SYMPATHY

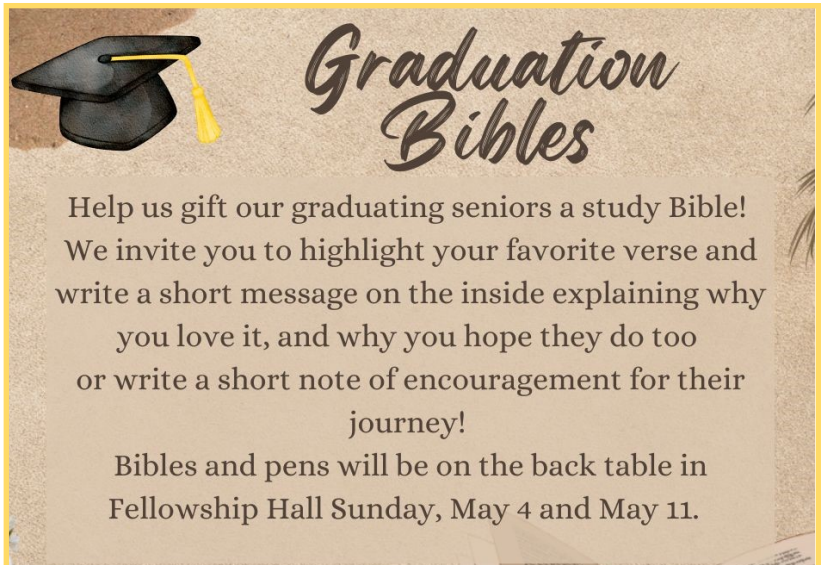
*We are sad to announce the death of regular
attender & choir member, **Bill Smart**, on
May 2. Please keep his wife, Paulette, in your
prayers. Cards can be sent to Paulette,
1396 Areca Cove, Naples 34119*

*We are sad to announce the death of **Fred Guttshall**
on May 6. Fred and his wife, Lil, have been
attending VPC since 1996, when she became a
member. Please keep Lil and the Guttshall family in
your prayers. The family will have a memorial
service at a later date. Cards can be sent to Lillia,
2632 Sailors Way, Naples 34109.*



If you have a student graduating or moving up to a new school, let us know! This includes grandchildren! Send us a picture and short paragraph including their name, school and grade they are graduating/moving up from and the school they are heading to. Please include family information and tell us something fun about your graduate. We will honor them on Graduation Sunday, May 18. Please email submissions by May 12 to Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org

Graduation Sunday - May 18, 2025
Celebrating graduates and educational milestones!



Help us gift our graduating seniors a study Bible! We invite you to highlight your favorite verse and write a short message on the inside explaining why you love it, and why you hope they do too or write a short note of encouragement for their journey!

Bibles and pens will be on the back table in Fellowship Hall Sunday, May 4 and May 11.

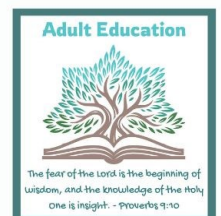
Adult Education Opportunities

Summer 2025 Schedule

Summer Adult Education opportunities will include one class on Sunday mornings after worship and fellowship (11:45am-12:30pm) and the same class again on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.

Parables from the Gospel of Luke

May 4: The Prodigal Son
May 11: The Persistent Widow
May 18: No Class &
May 25: No Class
June 1: The Faithful Servant
June 8: The Good Samaritan
June 15: The Friend at Night



**Tom Grundstrom,
Facilitator**

A Church Tour is available on Sunday, May 18.

Take a walk
with us!

Tours depart
from the
sanctuary
after the
10am
worship
service.



Look
for the
BLUE
shirts!

Collier Harvest

Join us to pack bags
of healthy and
nutritious food for
our hungry neighbors
across Collier County.

Email Pete Rodino
pvrodino@aol.com
to volunteer!

Monday, May 19, 2025

4:15pm - unloading van
(heavy lifting)

4:45-6pm - bagging food
at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



Collier Harvest
Foundation

VANDERBILT LEARNING CENTER PRESENTS

SPRING CONCERT

PK2 & PK3

TUESDAY, MAY 20TH

11:45A.M.

VPC SANCTUARY

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING:
JOIN US FOR A COOKIE
RECEPTION & PICTURES
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

"BUT GROW IN THE GRACE
AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR
LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS
CHRIST."
-2 PETER 3:18:

THE ALLELUIA CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

with Dr. Jim in the Sanctuary
from 5-5:30pm.

Join us! - **May 14th!**

VANDERBILT LEARNING CENTER

CLASS OF 2025

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL

Graduation & Spring Concert

MAY 21, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do
good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

-Ephesians 2:10

**Friday,
May 23, 2025
9:00 am
Leitner Park
26724 Nomad Dr.
Bonita Springs 34135**

Donations of food and
volunteers to serve are
needed.

JOIN US

Email Eliza Nevin
elizanevin@comcast.net



LET'S
GLOW
WEDNESDAY
NIGHT LIGHTS
May 14 Dinner
at 5:30PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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.

David Aufderhaar	Louise Eliot	Twila Rowe
John Baird	Dan Gagliano	Lora Scott
Denis Borque	Max Gould	Cindy Smarge
Joan Butler	The Guttshall Family	The Smart Family
Adriana Caruso	Kate Hafner	Yana and family
Dick Clark	Jim Hart	in Ukraine
Pat Colby	Elaine Hinkle	Yvonne & Tony
Bob & Jan Conrad	Sandra Johnson	Van Rooyen
Sonja Cookson	Doris Martin	Anita Wade
Dick Creviston	Ivana Novelli	Diane Westerlund
Patricia DeStefano	Jodi Reckmeyer	Jay Wilson
		Chris Wood & Family

*your
VPC family
loves you!*

Remember that your Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church family loves you! If you have any prayer requests, upcoming surgeries or health concerns, please reach out to the office staff so they can inform the Pastor, Deacons and Stephen Ministers or just add your name to our prayer list.
feel the love of Christ through your VPC family.

Happy Birthday!

Victoria Franklin	5/11	*Steve Blad	5/14
*Caitlin Whittington	5/11	Laura Piipponen	5/14
Karen Chappler	5/12	*Jean Dugan	5/14
Callum McGuigan	5/12	Jim Shields	5/15
Connor McGuigan	5/12	Cynthia MacLeod	5/15
*Anne Smith	5/13	Jay Truax	5/16

Happy Anniversary!

David & Larissa Gibson	5/11
Bill & Marian Cattrell	5/12
Ron & Judy Davis	5/17
Joe & Jill Trees	5/17



*** 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.

LT Wyatt R. Dawley
US Navy Intel
(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)
Staff SGT Jacob Guzman
US Army-Kuwait
(Cesar Guzman's son)
CPTN Devon Hennessey
Korea (Toni Hubbard)
SGT Wesley Kennedy
USMC - Ft. Myers, FL

1st LT Tyler Olbrich
US Army - Iraq
(friend of Karen Hiller)
MAJ Rex Rafferty
USAF—Alabama
(Norm & Linda Parker's granddaughter's husband)
LCPL Michael Russell
USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC
(Heather Anderson's son)