



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 18, 2025 - 10:00 am

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Family Led Worship & Graduation Sunday

The flowers on the Chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored by the Education Ministry Team in celebration of Graduation Sunday!

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

Sydney Carver, Grant & Lauren Lennertz, Riley

Mikes, Youth Liturgists

The Chancel Choir

Youth Acolyte: Olivia Carver

Devon Grider, Audio/Visual Technician

Youth Greeters: Annelise & Evelyn Whittington

Greeters: Joan Butler & Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Price & Carol Lindsay (Head Ushers),
Steve Blad, Doug Dunn, Gwen Salyer, Anne
Smith

Youth Ushers: Ayden Carver & Carter Mikes

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 148

- ¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!
⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.
⁶ He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together!
¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him! Praise the LORD!

Prelude: Variations on "Christ is the World's True Light"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Announcements

* The Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #118: "The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

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| 1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory. | And listening to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain. |
| 2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light; | 3. Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our joy that hath no end. |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* 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: Celebrating our Children & Families Moving Up!

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 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Revelations 21:1-6

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Making All Things New"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

* 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: "JLM" (Jesus Loves Me)

Bradley Phillips (b. 1955)

The Chancel Choir

Jesus loves me, this I know, Jesus loves me for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but he is so strong. Yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Alleluia!

* 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 #343: "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

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| 1. Called as partners in Christ's service,
Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God's chosen end. | 3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action,
Make us colleagues, free and fair. |
| 2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold. | 4. So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace. |

* Commission and Blessing:

Jesus has loved us so that we may love others.

We will go forth in peace to love and serve the 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: "Prelude in D Minor"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.



We're all moving UP!



For Sending a Child Into the World

The world has waited long enough to hear your voice, to feel your feet treading with gentle curiosity, to see how you wear each adventure beyond the porchlight of home.

You are always ready before I am, besting my instinct to keep you close.
Thank God the world beckons you anyway, and the Spirit whispers a presence you cannot outlast.

Go, child, into the wild places where you will fail and fly and find newness of life.

My heartstrings dance behind your figure
like a kite tail rising in the wind, rejoicing in your freedom.

from Ordinary Blessings - by Meta Herrick Carlson



Congratulations Graduates!



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

May 25, 2025 - 10:00 am

Sermon: "Finding Peace"

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

A Stephen Ministry caring relationship is a great example of love and good deeds.

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another as I have loved you." - John 13:34

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!

May 25, 2025 — 4 p.m.

Marywood
UNIVERSITY

Reap College of Creative & Professional Studies
Insalaco School of Visual & Performing Arts
Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance
marywood.edu/mtd

2025 Spring Tour

Marywood University Chamber Singers

Rick Hoffenberg, conductor

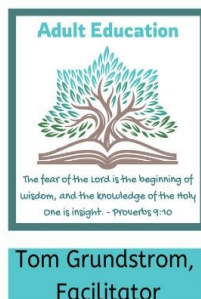
Adult Education Opportunities

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



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

Join the Quilting Sisters of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

The Quilting Sisters of Vanderbilt Presbyterian meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall.

We have everything needed to make a quilt,
including working machines.

We are welcoming and we teach.

All skill levels of sewing are welcome to make a quilt.
We welcome new sewers to join our prayer and sewing circle.

JOIN US!



**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



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:

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

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



Happy Birthday!

*Buck Evans	5/18	CC & William Waskey	5/18
*Amber Grider	5/21	Jim & Marsha Reed	5/20
Fred Schulz	5/23	Chuck & Heidi Holley	5/22
Daniel Westerlund	5/23	Stan & Linda Swihart	5/23
*Jim Campbell	5/24	Bill & Jodi Reckmeyer	5/24

Happy Anniversary!

* **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!

*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.

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)