



# 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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**June 22, 2025**

**10:00 am**

**The Second Sunday After Pentecost**

The flowers on the Chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored in honor of Pastor Rob's 60th birthday by his loving family. Happy Birthday!

## **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**

**Bill Payne, Liturgist**

**The Chancel Choir**

**Julie Carver, Pianist**

**Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician**

**Greeters:** Joan Butler & Ann Grundstrom

**Ushers:** Karen Chappler (Head Usher),

Steve Blad, Nancy Guthy, Price & Carol Lindsay, Anne Smith

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 22:19-26

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

May your hearts live forever!

**Prelude:** "Air in F Major"

G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

### Announcements

#### \* The Call to Worship

*When forces in the world threaten us, when our bodies or spirits turn against us,*

**There is One who seeks us, One who meets us, One who heals us,**

*Whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy.*

**This One is the Lord.**

*Come, let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #482: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

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1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration!

2. Praise ye the Lord,  
who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,

yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise ye the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**Holy One, God Most High, grant us faith to confess our sins and seek your mercy. There are barren places in our lives where we have wandered far from you. We have listened to voices who distracted us from your call. We have submitted to powers competing for our loyalty to you. God our Savior, forgive us. Let us enter into your kingdom; then send us out to serve you by the power of the Holy Spirit. (silence) Amen.**

### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*Christ Jesus is the bread of life, manna come down from heaven. Christ covers us with baptismal waters, so that our lives are hidden in him. This Jesus, the Son of the Most High God, is sovereign even over the powers of evil. Let us enter into your kingdom; then send us out to serve you in the name of the Holy Spirit. 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 - Camp Blessing and Commissioning

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

Galatians 3:23-29

*<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free;*

*there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

Luke 8:26-39

*<sup>26</sup> Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," <sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Declaring God's Deeds"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

### **\* The Affirmation of Faith**

Declaration of Faith

**The Holy Spirit is God active in the world. By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel. By the Spirit Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered. By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with his church. We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and giver of life, the one who makes real in us what God has done for us. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory: "As the Deer"**

Martin J. Nystrom (b. 1956)

The Chancel Choir

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

**\* 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 #439: "In Christ There is No East or West"**

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| <b>1. In Christ there is no east or west,<br/>In Him no south or north;<br/>But one great fellowship of love<br/>Throughout the whole wide earth.</b> | <b>3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,<br/>Whate'er your race may be.<br/>All children of the living God<br/>Are surely kin to me.</b>                    |
| <b>2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere<br/>Their high communion find;<br/>His service is the golden cord,<br/>Close-binding humankind.</b>      | <b>4. In Christ now meet both east and west,<br/>In Him meet south and north;<br/>All Christly souls are one in Him<br/>Throughout the whole wide earth.</b> |

**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*God feed you; Christ protect you;*

**The Spirit lives in us!**

*Let it wash over you with the love of 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: "The Rejoicing"**

Handel

*Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.*

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**June 29, 2025 - 10:00 am**

**Sermon: "I Will Follow"**

**First Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62**

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:**

Stephen Ministers bring God  
to the broken hearted.

1 John 4:12

*"No one has ever seen God; but if we  
love one another, God lives in us  
and his love is made complete."*



**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  
Matthew**

**June 22: No Class**

**June 29: The Workers in the Vineyard**

**July 6: New Cloth & New Wineskins**

**July 13: No Class**

**July 20: The Weeds**

**July 27: The Unforgiving Servant**

**Adult Education**



The fear of the Lord is the beginning of  
wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy  
One is insight. - Proverbs 9:10

**Tom Grundstrom,  
Facilitator**





# SIMMED CAMP SIMMED CAMP SUMMER CAMP PRAYER PROJECT



## Back to School Backpack Drive

Checks payable to VPC

Memo: Backpacks

June 20 -

July 20

VPC is collecting school supplies and monetary donations for needy children in Collier County. Everything will be split between Grace Place and Mision Peniel.

## Supplies List

Drop off at the office!

zipper backpacks

crayons

washable markers

No. 2 pencils

composition

notebooks

pencil sharpeners

glue sticks

blunt-topped scissors

rulers

blue or black

ballpoint pens

erasers

highlighters

permanent markers

loose leaf paper

spiral bound

notebooks

white glue (bottles)

colored pencils

## Volunteers! VBS Needs Y-O-U

**July 14-18, 9am-12pm!** Vacation Bible School is loads of fun and full of lasting impact for everyone involved. So many ways to serve: adults, collegiate, rising middle school and high school students. Please mark your calendar for our mandatory VBS Volunteer Training on **Wednesday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m.** email [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org)

Please consider sending donations directly to our team from our Amazon Wish List.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2PY86NBS4U0AR?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2PY86NBS4U0AR?ref=wl_share)



## 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	Dick Clark	Elaine Hinkle	Jodi Reckmeyer
John Baird	Pat Colby	Sandra Johnson	Twila Rowe
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Bob & Jan Conrad	The Rose Lehman	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
Denis Borque	Sonja Cookson	Family	Pete Schwiers
Joan Butler	Dick Creviston	Doris Martin	Yana and family in Ukraine
Baby Brody Bush	Louise Eliot	Donna Mullins	Russell Vance
Adriana Caruso	Dan Gagliano	Flavia Nascimento	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
	Max Gould	& Family	Anita Wade
	Kate Hafner	Ivana Novelli	Jay Wilson
	Jim & Mary Hart	Leah Ray	

### Happy Birthday!

Sally Watts	6/22
Charlotte Riddick	6/25
Ailie Donlon	6/26
Hayley Lowe	6/27
*Emmy Vayda	6/28



### Happy Anniversary!

Verne & Judy Istock	6/22
Tim & Pat Peters	6/22
Dick & Maureen Clark	6/24
Peter & Dale Tremblay	6/25
*Steven & Jackie Woodring	6/26
Babs & Jim Brock	6/26
Bill & Sue Van Fossen	6/28

\* **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](mailto: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)

