



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 29, 2025

10:00 am

The Third Sunday After Pentecost

The flowers on the Chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored by the Grider Family in celebration of summer!

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

Jerry Grandey, Liturgist

The Chancel Choir

Julie Carver, Pianist

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & CC Waskey

Ushers: Pat Rose (Head Usher), Barbara

Hebert, Gwen Salyer, Lynn Thomas, Jerry &

Mari-Bea Warnken

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: "Voluntary in D Major"

Richard Peek (1927-2005)

Announcements

* The Call to Worship:

God, who rules the universe, calls us:

Christ, who took up his cross, calls us;

Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

Let us faithfully answer by worshipping the triune God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #276: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

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| <p>1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.</p> <p>Refrain:
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!</p> | <p>2. Summer and winter and springtime
and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.</p> <p>Refrain</p> <p>3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide; Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!</p> <p>Refrain</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, Holy Trinity, help us to confess our sins. You give us a place in your creation, and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made. We confess that we abuse what you give us. By our thoughts, actions, and the meditations of our hearts we show how enslaved we are to life made corrupt by sin. Rekindle our desire to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose passion for obeying you leads us to our inheritance, which is your promised kingdom.

(silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

The crucified Christ has set us free to live in the Spirit of life.

Hear the good news of the gospel.

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

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 5:1, 13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and

do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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Thanks be to God.

Message: "I Will Follow"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

Declaration of Faith

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "O God, Beyond All Praising"

Gustav T. Holst (1874-1934)

The Chancel Choir

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*** 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 #379: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

SOLID ROCK

**1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

**On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain***

**3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***

**4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
*Refrain***

*** Commission and Blessing:**

God makes you free as an eagle riding the wind.

Christ gives us a home in the kingdom he is bringing.

The Holy Spirit fills your belly with fire, and your heart with joy.

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: "Voluntary in D Major"

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

July 6, 2025 - 10:00 am

Sermon: "Shake and Share"

First Reading: Galatians 6:7-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Stephen Ministers are trained to bring healing and light to their care receivers.



"Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." - Proverbs 12:18

THE WMLA TEAM INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC!

COME TO FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP AND ENJOY LUNCH! EVERYTHING IS PROVIDED FOR YOU!

4TH OF JULY Picnic

JULY 6TH | 11:30AM | SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

Dress is casual - it's a PICNIC!

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!

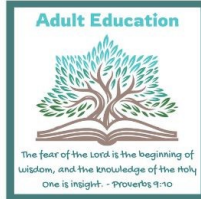
Adult Education Opportunities

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 29: The Workers in the Vineyard
July 6: No Class - Church Picnic
July 13: No Class
July 20: New Cloth & New Wineskins
July 27: The Weeds
August 3: The Unforgiving Servant



Tom Grundstrom,
Facilitator

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.

SHIMMED CAMP SHIMMED CAMP SUMMER CAMP

PRAYER PROJECT

physical
health &
safety

build new
friendships

deepen
existing
friendships

open
hearts

moments
of
laughter

attentive
ears

encounter
God

camp
leaders &
staff

good
weather

God Bless America!

HAPPY
JULY
4TH

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 4TH

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

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

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[Is/2PY86NBS4U0AR?ref=wl_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/?ref=wl_share)

VPC
Summer
Sunday School

Sundays, June 15 - September 8

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	Sonja Cookson	Matt Miller	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
John Baird	Dick Creviston	Donna Mullins	Pete Schwiers
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Louise Eliot	Flavia Nascimento	Clifford Swaby
Denis Borque	Lois Ann & Jim Folliard	& Family	Joe Trees
Baby Brody Bush	Dan Gagliano	Ivana Novelli	Yana and family in Ukraine
Adriana Caruso	Jim & Mary Hart	Pocket Patterson	Russell Vance
Clelia Caruso	Elaine Hinkle	Bill Payne	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Dick Clark	June Johnson	Jodi Reckmeyer	Anita Wade
Pat Colby	Sandra Johnson	The Rose Lehman Family	Jay Wilson
Bob & Jan Conrad	Doris Martin	Twila Rowe	

Happy Birthday!

*Alyce Demma	6/29	*Greg Borden	7/4
Brenda Karnes	6/30	John Braun	7/4
Katherine Skrabonja	7/1	Liberty Franklin	7/4
*Paul McGuigan	7/1	*Jason Mikes	7/4
Peggy Free	7/1	Tom Hallin	7/5
Heidi Stryker	7/2	James Hofert	7/5
Margaret Waters	7/2		
*Barbara Faude	7/2		
Barbara Minter	7/2		
Henry Gaylord	7/3		

Happy Anniversary!

Kyle & Brooke Vayda	6/30
Harley & Nancy Ruppert	7/1
Pete & Karen Rodino	7/4



* **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 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)

