



# 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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## February 15, 2026 — 10:00 am

### Transfiguration of the Lord

The flowers adorning the Chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored in honor of President's Day by the Grider Family.

### 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*  
**Susie Hilton**, *Liturgist*  
**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*

**The Chancel Choir**  
**The Carillon Ringers, Gordon Black**, *Director*  
**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** Joan Butler and Jan Fern  
**Ushers:** Karen Chappler (Head Usher), Sonja Cookson, Doug Dunn, Henry Gaylord, Gwen Salyer, Joe Trees

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude:** "Come Down, O Love Divine" (*based on hymn 313*)      Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
The Carillon Ringers      arr. Bill Ingram

### Announcements

### Passing of the Peace

#### \* The Call to Worship:

*The Holy One is our sovereign.*

**Let us praise God's great and awesome name!**

*Mighty ruler, lover of justice,*

**You have established fairness among us.**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #172: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

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| <p><b>1. My Shepherd will supply my need;<br/>Jehovah is His Name:<br/>In pastures fresh He makes me feed,<br/>Beside the living stream.<br/>He brings my wandering spirit back<br/>When I forsake His ways,<br/>And leads me, for His mercy's sake,<br/>In paths of truth and grace.</b></p> <p><b>2. When I walk through the shades of death<br/>Thy presence is my stay;<br/>One word of Your supporting breath<br/>Drives all my fears away.</b></p> | <p><b>Your hand, in sight of all my foes,<br/>Does still my table spread;<br/>My cup with blessings overflows,<br/>Your oil anoints my head.</b></p> <p><b>3. The sure provisions of my God<br/>Attend me all my days;<br/>O may Your house be my abode,<br/>And all my work be praise.<br/>There would I find a settled rest,<br/>While others go and come;<br/>No more a stranger, or a guest,<br/>But like a child at home.</b></p> |
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### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in Jesus our Christ we pray. (*silence*) Amen.**

#### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

**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 First Reading**

Exodus 24:12-18

*<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." <sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 17:1-9

*<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they*

*raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Light in a Cloud"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**\* The Affirmation of Faith**

From the Confession of 1967

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. Amen.**

**Reception of New Members**

**Offering**



*Let us with gladness present our gifts and offerings to the Lord.*

*Gifts may be placed in the offering plates, given online, or by scanning the QR code.*

**Offertory:** "River in Judea"

arr. Jack Schrader (b. 1942)

The Chancel Choir

Oftentimes I dream of music, Of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, One everybody knows. Late at night, I hear it singing. Then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, The will to go on, Go on. There is a river in Judea That I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river That my soul cries out To know. I believe it keeps on trav'lin' But it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray. When I'm weary and downhearted, How I long for the song it sings, For the calm within its gentle blue, The peace that it brings, it brings. (May the time not be too distant When we meet by the river (meet by the) shore. 'Til then dream of that wonderful day As we sing once more, once more...

**\* 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.

### Sung Response: "In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful"

Jacques Berthier

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be afraid. El Se-nyor és la me-va for-ça, el Se-nyor el me-u cant. Ell m'ha es-tat la sal-va-ci-". The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the ó. En ell con-fi-o i no tinc por. En ell con-fi-o i no tinc por. El Se-". The score includes a '3' (triple) marking and 'Last time' markings.

### \* Hymn #420: "God of Grace, and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*Christ has been revealed to us*

**That we might follow him and transform the world.**

*Go in love; work for peace. 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.*

**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**



**Suzanne and Roger Eastman** join VPC as affiliate members. They spend their summers in Potomac, MD, where they are members of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Bethesda. Roger worked in management in the construction industry and Suzanne worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. They are both retired and enjoy golf and travel. They look forward to becoming active members at VPC.



**Ray and Sue Porsch** join the VPC church family. Ray as a full time member by letter of transfer and Sue as an affiliate member. They attended First Presbyterian Church in Johnstown, PA. Sue is a retired teacher who enjoys reading and quilting. She has served past churches as a choir member, bell ringer, VBS teacher, Deacon and Elder. Ray worked as a civil engineer and in business.



**Terri and Frank Sibley** are joining VPC as affiliate members, spending half a year in Lake Forest, IL, where they attend First Presbyterian of Lake Forest. Frank is retired from the publishing and broadcasting field after 43 years of work. He served his church in Illinois as an Elder and Deacon. Terri is retired and enjoys golf, Mah Jongg and sewing.



**REMINDERS FOR TODAY**

- Fellowship Hour will be held in the Student Center.
- Don't forget to sign the Deacon's letters in the Narthex.
- The Blood Drive is in the parking lot.
- Adult Education is in Harp Hall at 11:30.

**Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church**

*presents*

**Daniela Shtéreva & Milana Strezeva**

*in a special concert for violin and piano*

**"Franco-Spanish Valentine Affair"**

Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 4:00 pm

The James Craig Education Series presents  
 "Religious Violence, Spiritual Abuse  
 and Trauma, and the Journey Towards  
 The Beloved Community"

Presented by: Dr. Danjuma Gibson

Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 9:30am-12pm  
 Harp Hall at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

Call 597-5410 to register

Dr. Danjuma Gibson is professor of Practical Theology  
 and Psychology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.  
 He is both a scholar and a licensed professional  
 counselor with experience in theological education,  
 congregational ministry, and administrative leadership.



The event is free and open to the public!

# THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous  
 donations to the

**Souper Bowl of Caring!**

We collected \$1,880 and  
 countless bags of food items  
 for the

**Grace Place Food Pantry.**

Donations accepted through  
 February 23.



Begin your Lenten journey here...

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY  
 worship

Worship at 6:00pm

# TAIZÉ

Vanderbilt  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Taizé service is a contemplative, Christian worship service  
 characterized by meditative singing of simple, repeated  
 chants, extended periods of silence, candlelight, and  
 scripture readings. These services aim to foster inner  
 peace, reflection, and reconciliation among all people.



Join us on Sundays,  
 February 22 and March 22 at 5pm  
 for Taizé worship in the Sanctuary.

Mark your calendar!

THE REV. DR. ASA J. LEE,  
 GUEST PREACHER

Join us for worship on  
 Sunday, February 22, 2026  
 at 10:00 am

as we welcome guest preacher,

**The Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee,**  
 President and Professor of  
 Theological Formation for  
 Ministry at Pittsburgh  
 Theological Seminary



## CPR Training for Ushers Open to all VPC members

Presented by the North Collier Fire Department  
 You will learn how to administer compression-  
 only CPR and the use of an AED. We will also  
 review what to do when a person is choking.  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 12th AT 10am in HARP HALL**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Monday, February 16 at 1:30pm**—VPC Book Club Discussion—Harp Hall
- **Tuesday, February 17 at 12pm**—Stephen Ministry meeting for all—Conference Room
- **Wednesday, February 18 at 5:30pm**—WNL— Student Center
- **Sunday, February 22 at 10am**—Family Led Worship and at **11:30am**—Family Led Bible Study—Library and at **11:30am**—Adult Education—Harp Hall—High School Parent meeting for Confirmation—immediately following worship—Sanctuary
- **Monday, February 23 at 4pm**—Collier Harvest Packing—4451 Mercantile Ave.
- **Friday, February 27 at 9am**—Café of Life—26724 Nomad Drive, Bonita and at **6:15pm**—VLC Family Movie Night—parking lot
- **Thursday, March 5 at 6:30pm**—Navigating Alzheimer's Together Presentation—Harp Hall
- **Saturday, March 7 from 11am—1pm**—Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance Block Party—2070 Corazon de la Comunidad Circle, Immokalee, FL 34142.

## 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.

Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Andrea Daggett	Doris Martin	Barbara Thomas
Kimberly Gould	Ron Davis	Laura McLarty	Lou Thompson
Blackwell	Joyce Dersch	Chris Mobley	Yana and family in Ukraine
Margie Berend	John Dietrich	Manuela Mobley's family	Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Russel Blad	Jim Folliard	in Venezuela	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Trisha & Jessie	Jennee C. Garrett	Sally Muir	Melissa Vollmer
Campion and baby	Jim & Mary Hart	Donna Mullins	Don Westall
Greyson	Margaret Horstman	Ivana Novelli	Barbara Whittington
Craig Canatsey	Sandra Johnson	Audrey Olsen	Morgan Winiecki
Adriana Caruso	Daryl King	Pocket Patterson	
The Chappler &	Polly Lloyd	Jodi Reckmeyer	
Gant Families	Carolyn Mackie	Twila Rowe	
Pat Colby	Sr. Markolette	Sam & Marilyn Schellar	
Bob & Jan Conrad	Madden	Bill Shouldice	



### Happy Birthday!

*Marciadee Newman	2/15	Heidi Holley	2/18
*Jim Everson	2/16	*Dick Creviston	2/19
Pat Peters	2/16	Chuck Lewis	2/19
Janie Ballurio	2/16	Noel Davies	2/19
Catherine Brown	2/16	Jan Conrad	2/20
Ron Nowry	2/17	Margaret Leonard	2/20
Patty Shields	2/18	Clive Ozard	2/21
*Heather Mikes	2/18		

## FEBRUARY

### Happy Anniversary!

Joseph & Dana Riashi      2/16

\* **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](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-Ft. Campbell, KY  
(Cesar Guzman's son)  
**SGT Wesley Kennedy**  
USMC - Ft. Myers, FL

**1st LT Tyler Olbrich**  
US Army - South Carolina  
(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)