



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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March 29, 2026 — 10:00 am — Palm Sunday

The flowers adorning the Chancel are sponsored by the Grider Family
 in thanksgiving for the support given for "Sporting for a Cure"
 Amber's Antibodies—Improving the lives of Southwest Florida families battling cancer.

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*
Pat Rose, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir
Orchestra: *Violin:* Magdiell Antequera,
 Natalie Lee, *Cello:* Tom May, *Flute:* Bill Larsen,
Oboe: Andrew Snedeker, *Clarinet:* Eric Anderson,

Trumpet: Matthew Sonneborn & Kris Marshall,
Trombone: Mike Zion & Bob Kastner,
French Horn: Nelson Ricardo Yovera Perez,
Timpani: Sean Stoliker, *Percussion:* Seth Wexler
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Pat Gagliano & Joyce Higdon
Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher),
 Joan Butler, Doug Dunn, Henry Gaylord,
 Barbara Hebert, Ben Hood, Carol Lindsay,
 George Morton, Leah Ray, Joe Trees,
 Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken, Terri Wilding

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prelude: "Overture in D Major"

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

"Aria in F Major"

Handel

"The Rejoicing"

Handel

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Let us worship God.

Palm Processional

* **Hymn #88:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain: All glory, laud and honor

To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,

Thou David's royal Son,

Who in the Lord's name comest,

The King and blessed One. *Refrain*

2. The people of the Hebrews

With palms before Thee went;

Our praise and prayers and anthems

Before Thee we present. *Refrain*

3. To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

4. Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! *Refrain*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

*Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend:
Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

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.**

My Savior's Love: A Musical for Holy Week

Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

The Chancel Choir
The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Narrator
Orchestra

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a Savior! "Man of sorrows!" what a name for the Son of God who came; ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; Jesus! What a strength in weakness! He, my Savior, makes me whole. Hallelujah! What a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end. Jesus, I do now receive him, more than all in him I find. He has granted me forgiveness; I am his, and he is mine! When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring; then anew this song we'll sing; Hallelujah!

Blessed One, Messiah!

From the blind who called his name to the sinners lost in shame, all the broken and the lame, he gave his love the same. Are you the blessed Messiah? Are you the Chosen One? Jesus, are you the Messiah, the Promised One? Hosanna! Blessed One, Messiah! Hosanna! Beginning and the end! Are you the way, the truth and the life, Son of God, Blessed One? Messiah! Every wounded heart restored, he sought the poor and ignored. Opened every prison door, he gave his love to the world. You are the blessed Messiah! You are the Chosen One! Jesus, you are the Messiah, the Promised One!

Remember

How sorrow casts a painful light on all these words you said; and now the bread that's broken here has filled our hearts with dread. Remember, the hour is drawing near. Remember, that love was spoken here. How can you kneel to wash our feet and seek to calm our fear? How do you gather us to drink amidst this veil of tears? I look at you and see the Father; he looks at you, his only Son. The cup you face is overwhelming. You'll finish now what you've begun. You kiss the hand that dips the bread; you bow your head to pray; you speak a word, a last goodbye, and darkness has its way.

Love Beyond Degree

Alas, and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree! Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in, when Christ, the mighty Maker died for man, the creature's sin. There might I hide my blushing face while Calvary's cross appears, dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears. But drops of grief can never repay the debt of love I owe: here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

This Must Be the Lamb

We had wounds that needed healing; we sought for hope to be restored. Cruel death had overwhelmed us; Satan thought he'd won this war. But he came to us, this Savior, and he chose to bleed and die, stretched out his arms in forgiveness, wrote his name across the sky. This must be the Savior; this must be the Lamb. This must be the Bread of Life, eternal, great "I AM!" This must be the Lamb! Now we stand in the presence of the One who called our name. He has claimed us for his glory, conquered death and took our shame. Glory to the risen Savior; glory to the great "I AM!" Death on earth has been defeated; glory to the risen Lamb!

Chosen of God

Your deepest longing, our greatest need, O Son of God, we watched you bleed. You came to give us what we could not: our souls to win with blood you bought! Chosen of God, here you stand; chosen by him, part of his plan. Washed in the blood of Calvary's Lamb, Child of God, here you stand! Come, Holy Spirit, alive in me, consuming fire, just this one plea; ignite my soul, Lord, a living flame with perfect passion for your holy name! Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

How Marvelous! How Wonderful!

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean. For me it was in the garden he prayed, "Not my will but thine." He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine. How marvelous! How wonderful! My song shall ever be: How marvelous! How wonderful! My Savior's love for me! He took my sins and my sorrows he made them his very own; he bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered, and died alone. When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see, 'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me!

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: Improvisation

Julie Carver

* 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 #89: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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| <p>1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.</p> <p>2. From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;</p> | <p>The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on
his bidding wait.</p> <p>3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

Let the same mind be in you that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Look not to rewards and celebrity for your good deeds.

Do unto others what will nurture God's will for them.

Listen to the word of the Lord, and believe.

Alleluia.

Amen.

Postlude: "Hornpipe"

Handel

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

REMINDERS FOR TODAY

- Fellowship Hour will be held in the Student Center after worship.
- One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes are in the Narthex.
- Adult Education is in Harp Hall at 11:30.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

April 5, 2026—Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Time to Begin Again"

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18



Maundy Thursday

"Do this in Memory of Me"

Join us on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary for worship, including communion.



"It is Finished"

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary
With Chancel Choir and Soloists

Easter Lilies

Dedicate Easter lilies in honor or memory of your loved ones. Any amount is appreciated. Just complete the form, available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, with your donation marked "Easter Lilies".

To be included in the bulletin, please return by March 29, 2026.



Pastor's Bible Study

WILL BE ON HIATUS ON APRIL 1. WE WILL RESUME ON APRIL 8.

THANK YOU!

The Mission Team would like to thank all the volunteers who helped pack for Weekend Power Pack! We had over 28 people in attendance!

The Flowering of the Cross



Children and youth will experience the Easter tradition of Flowering the Cross during Sunday school, as we transition from Jesus' death on Good Friday to a joyous celebration of His resurrection on Easter Sunday. The cross will be under the porte cochere on Good Friday. Everyone is invited to stop by anytime to add flowers to the cross.



Easter Sunday Worship Services

Chancel Choir,
Carillon Ringers &
Matt Sonneborn,
trumpet

Sunday,
April 5, 2026
8:00 & 10:00am
Traditional services

He is Risen

Matthew 28:6

Bring your family and friends and share the joy of the Resurrection.

"The Lord is Risen. Indeed!"

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Children and Families meet in the Student Center immediately following the 10am worship service on Sunday, April 5, 2026

The staff of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church wishes you and your family a blessed Easter.

He is Risen

The office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6, 2026 to allow the staff to spend time with their families.

Hangin' with my peeps



April 1 @ 5:30p



Bring A Friend To

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS



March is
Habitat for Humanity
Month at VPC!

Go online and donate to Missions and designate your gift to Habitat for Humanity
www.vpcnaples.org

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.



Ridley Baird & Family	Bob & Jan Conrad	Sandra Johnson	Twila Rowe
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Sonja Cookson	Ana Koch	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
Kimberly Gould	Ron Davis	Carolyn Mackie	Bill Shouldice
Blackwell	Joyce Dersch	Sr. Markolette Madden	Joyce Sweet
Margie Berend	John Dietrich	Doris Martin	Barbara Thomas
Jim Campbell	Eileen Donohue	Laura McLarty	Yana and family in Ukraine
Craig Canatsey	Don Fern	John McMaster	Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Adriana Caruso	Jim Folliard	Sally Muir	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Pat Colby	Jennee C. Garrett	Ivana Novelli	Melissa Vollmer
	Lori Godwin	Penny O'Kelley	Barbara Whittington
	Pat Gould	Audrey Olsen	
	Jim & Mary Hart	Pocket Patterson	
	Jim Hawkins	Jodi Reckmeyer	

Happy Birthday!

David Curtiss	3/29	*Maia Day	4/2
Eliza Nevin	3/30	Rodger Jacob	4/3
Nancy Miller	3/30	CC Waskey	4/3
*Kathryn Leaming	4/1	Kelsey Lowe	4/4
Toni Keefer	4/2		



* **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!

Happy Anniversary!

Dick & Susie Hilton 4/1

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. Grasseti
(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)