



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

8:00 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*
Thomas Hauschild, *Liturgist*

Julie Carver, *Pianist*
Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpeter*
Chris Wood, *Tenor*
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Joyce Hickmon & Priscilla Kutler
Ushers: Ben Hood, Joe Trees

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.

* 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.**

Prayer of Illumination

The First Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Following Orders"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** Affirmation of Faith**

from Philippians 6:9-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient

to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

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.

Solo: "The Holy City"

Stephen Adams (1841-1913)

Chris Wood, *Tenor*

Last night I lay a-sleeping
There came a dream so fair,
I stood in old Jerusalem
Beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing,
And ever as they sang
Methought the voice of angels
From heaven in answer rang,
Methought the voice of angels
From heaven in answer rang.
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna to your King!
And then methought my dream was changed,
The

streets no longer rang. Hushed were the glad Hosannas The little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery, The morn was cold and chill, As the shadow of a cross arose Upon a lonely hill, As the shadow of a cross arose Upon a lonely hill. And once again the scene was changed, New earth there seemed to be. I saw the Holy City Beside the tideless sea. The light of God was on its streets, The gates were open wide, And all who would might enter, And no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night, Or sun to shine by day; It was the new Jerusalem That would not pass away, It was the new Jerusalem That would not pass away.

*** 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.

*** 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: "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.

PRAYER list

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| 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!

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| 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.

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| LT Wyatt R. Dawley US Navy Intel (Debbie Dawley's grandson) | COL Jessica D. Grasseti (Claudia Polzin's niece) | 1st LT Tyler Olbrich US Army - South Carolina (friend of Karen Hiller) |
| PVT E2 Joshua Fowler, US Army, Columbus, GA (Joe & Sharon Doggett's grandson) | E4 Brian Guzman USAF - Colorado (Cesar Guzman's son) | MAJ Rex Rafferty USAF—Alabama (Norm & Linda Parker's granddaughter's husband) |
| MAJ Allen Fujinaka US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband) | Staff SGT Jacob Guzman US Army-Ft. Campbell, KY (Cesar Guzman's son) | LCPL Michael Russell USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC (Heather Anderson's son) |
| | SGT Wesley Kennedy USMC - Ft. Myers, FL | |