

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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April 19, 2026 — 10:00 am

The Third Sunday of Easter — Family Led Worship

The flowers on the Chancel are sponsored in thanksgiving for our families who help lead our Family Led Worship every month.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in the Student Center following worship.

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*
Tom Hauschild, *Liturgist*
Evangeline Mikes, *Youth Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir

The Alleluia Choir
Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Youth Acolyte: Margi Miller
Greeters: Joan Butler & Ann Grundstrom
Ushers: Joe Trees (Head Usher), Steve Blad, Barbara Hebert, George Morton, Jane Repp, Anne Smith
Youth Ushers: Devon Grider

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

- ¹ I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD, "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"
¹² What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD;
¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.
¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.
¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Prelude: "Plein Jeu and Fugue"

Pierre DuMage (1674-1751)

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #104: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

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| 1. Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown. | 2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end. |
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Continued

**3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.**

**Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna, everyone!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. (*silence*) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

In the name of 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.

Alleluia Choir Anthem: "Let All the Peoples Praise You, O God"
Hattie Mikes, Soloist

Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

**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

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "There Is A Savior"

Sandi Patti (b. 1956)

Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to

Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Burning Hearts"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. 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.

Offertory: "O How Amiable"

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Chancel Choir

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord! My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

*** 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 #106:** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to His Name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

3. We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever. *Refrain*

4. Come let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

* **Commission and Blessing**

Go in the joy of resurrection:

Purify your souls: be obedient to the truth:

Be genuine in love,

Through the living and enduring Word 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: Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

The Harvest of Abundance in Our Lives

God's generosity **blesses us richly** each day.

Together, we can create **lasting community impact.**

Sowing spiritual seeds leads to **transformational growth.**



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

April 26, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "The Shepherds Voice"

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

REMINDERS FOR TODAY

Fellowship Hour will be held in the Student Center after worship. The Deacons letters of Joys and concerns are located in the Narthex for your participation.



Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church

presents

**The Winner of the Dr. James B. Cochran
Organ Prize: Charles Francis**

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Music Under the Spire!

Free will offering



Friday, April 24, 2026

9:00 am

Leitner Park - 26724 Nomad Dr.
Bonita Springs 34135



Do you want to help our Mission Team spread the love of Christ? Join us as we serve a meal to our neighbors in Bonita! Donations of food and volunteers to serve are needed.



Collier Harvest

Email Pete Rodino - pvrodino@aol.com to volunteer!

Join us to pack bags of healthy food for our hungry neighbors across Collier County.

Monday, April 27, 2026

4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)

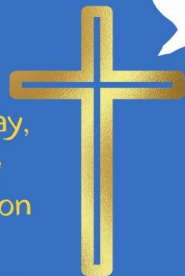
4:45-6pm - bagging food

at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



Confirmation Sunday

Join us on Sunday, May 10, 2026 for Confirmation Sunday. Be in worship to support our youth who have completed confirmation.



"We welcome you to the household of God."



Femme Foodies

Join us for



Ladies! Join us as we gather with other women from VPC for a casual lunch! We meet every month (October - May) on the fourth Friday of the month at 12:30pm.

Contact Jane Higdon (at least a week in advance) to reserve your seat! text 301-643-0570 or email higdonjb@msn.com.

Simple, delicious and enjoyable fellowship. Bring your friends!

Bon Appetit!

The James Cochran Fund for Tuning and Maintenance of the Fors Lively Fulcher Pipe Organ

If you wish to make a contribution in thanksgiving for the 35 years of service by our beloved Dr. James Cochran, please consider perpetuating his legacy by donating to this fund to maintain our amazing Lively Fulcher organ.

To donate online go to www.vpcnaples.org and give in the Endowment section - add "Cochran Endowment Fund" to the note. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Join the VPC Book Club!

Monday, April 20, 2026 - 1pm
at Seasons 52



Queens of Crime by Marie Benedict

For more information, email Peggy Landon mldon711@gmail.com

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	Joyce Dersch	Doris Martin	Bill Shouldice
Jack Ballurio	John Dietrich	Barbara McElwaine	Barbara Thomas
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Jim Folliard	Laura McLarty	Bob Townsend
Kay Beernink	Jennee C. Garrett	John McMaster	Yana and family
Kimberly Gould	Pat Gould	Sally Muir	in Ukraine
Blackwell	Jim & Mary Hart	Ivana Novelli	Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Jim Campbell	Margaret Horstman	Penny O'Kelley	Yvonne & Tony
Adriana Caruso	Sandra Johnson	Audrey Olsen	Van Rooyen
Pat Colby	Jonathan	Jodi Reckmeyer	Melissa Vollmer
Bob & Jan Conrad	Ana Koch	Pat Rose	
Ron Davis	Carolyn Mackie	Twila Rowe	
Dawn Marie	Sr. Markolette Madden	Sam & Marilyn Schellar	

Happy Birthday!

Robert Conrad	4/19	Scott Cunningham	4/22
Christi Millard	4/19	*Dick Hilton	4/23
Joseph Bostater	4/19	Al Todd	4/24
Dick Clark	4/19	*Carolyn Elmore	4/24
Lillia Leibig	4/20	Nikki Minck	4/25
*Ruth Felipe	4/20	Lauren Gersch	4/25
*Jack Tanner	4/22	*David Gibson	4/25
Ayden Carver	4/22	Joan Butler	4/25
*Jill Dunn	4/22		

Happy Anniversary!

Price & Carol Lindsay	4/25
Alyce & Jack Demma	4/25
Courtney & Emilio Martinez	4/25

* **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% for Youth & 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-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)