



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 2, 2026 — 6:00 pm — Maundy Thursday

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
Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Ushers: Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Doug Dunn, Nancy Guthy, Lynn Thomas
Communion Servers: Joan Butler, Jan Fern, Peggy Free, Joe Hodgson, Ben Hood, Eliza Nevin, Tim Riggers

† Holy Week Schedule †

Good Friday - April 3 - 7:00 pm
 Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary
 With Chancel Choir and Soloists

Easter Sunday - April 5 - 8:00 & 10:00 am
 Worship with special music by the Chancel Choir and Matthew Sonneborn, trumpet.
 Sunday School for children & youth including Flowering of the Cross & Easter Egg Hunt (10am)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 116:12-15, 18-19

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.

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

Jim Cochran

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus gathers his friends for a final meal.

We come to the table he sets for us.

On the night before he suffered, he took bread and cup.

We come to remember and to receive.

The hour is near. The gift is given.

We come to eat and drink with Christ.

Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ST. CHRISTOPHER

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus

I fain would take my stand,

The shadow of a mighty rock

Within a weary land;

A home within the wilderness,

A rest upon the way,

From the burning of the noontide heat,

And the burden of the day.

2. Upon that cross of Jesus

Mine eyes at times can see

The very dying form of One

Who suffered there for me;

And from my stricken heart with tears

Two wonders I confess:

The wonders of redeeming love

And my unworthiness.

Call to Confession

Tonight we come before God with hungry hearts and heavy hands, with fear we cannot shake and hope we barely dare to trust. We come with the burdens we carry and the burdens we have helped create.

Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us pray together our printed Prayer of Confession.

Prayers of Confession

We confess that we are not only wounded by this broken world, we are also shaped by it. We hoard what we have, as if we were saving ourselves. We cling to comfort, and call it wisdom.

We protect our own place at the table, while others are left outside. We come to your feast, but resist your command to love. We want justice, but not if it's too costly. We want

communion, without the hard work of community. We confess the sins we know, the sins we excuse, and the sins we barely notice. Forgive us, O Lord. Prune what is false. Plant what is true. Teach us to walk the way of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news. The God who brought a people out of slavery still breaks the chains that bind us.
The God who set a table in the wilderness still feeds those who have lost their way. The God who raised
Jesus from the grave still grows life out of death.*

Friends, hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made new.

In Jesus Christ, we are not overcome.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Amazing Grace"

arr. Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found Was
blind but now I see. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace hath
brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home. When we've been here ten thousand years Bright
shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun Amazing grace
how sweet the sound.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture and Reflection – A Night of Tables

Exodus 12: 1–3, 5–8, 11–14—A meal of deliverance eaten in haste on the night of escape.

1 Kings 17:8–16—A meal of trust shared in scarcity, where God's provision doesn't fail.

Psalms 23—A table set in the presence of enemies, where God restores and protects.

Mark 14:12–26 —A final meal where Jesus gives himself for the life of the world.

Hymn: "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

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1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.

2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.

Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.

3. And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.

In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion

Faithful God, you have met us at your table in the midst of a world that is anxious and afraid. You have fed us with the bread of mercy and the cup of hope. You have reminded us that you do not abandon your people on the night of danger, in the hour of betrayal, or on the long road toward freedom. Send us now into the darkness of these next days with courage to follow, with humility to serve, and with trust in your saving love. Ground us in your grace. Grow us in your love. Lead us in your way. Amen.

Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees"

LET US BREAK BREAD

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| <p>1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
<i>Refrain:</i>
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.</p> | <p>2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
<i>Refrain</i></p> <p>3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Benediction

God of love and mercy, Bless us on our Lenten journey.

By your light,

call us to faithful following

By your word,

call us to attentive listening

By your cross,

call us to sacrificial obedience

By your Holy Spirit,

call us to repentance, joy, and service.

May the God who fed a people on the night of escape keep you rooted in hope when the way is dark.

May the Christ who broke bread in the shadow of the cross walk with you in love that serves and gives itself away. May the Spirit who sustains the weary and the afraid plant courage where fear has taken hold and grow mercy where the ground is thin. Go in peace. Walk in faith.

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Go in peace...

Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

"Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."