



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 26, 2026—10:00 am

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The flowers on the Chancel and the Fellowship Hour are sponsored by the Grider Family in celebration of Earth Day.

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, Founded on the covenant of your love. Amen.

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*
Janie Ballurio, *Liturgist*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*

The Chancel Choir
The New Horizons Children's Choir
David Curtiss, *Baritone*
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*
Greeters: Joyce Hickmon & Ruth Wade
Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Ron & Linda Addaman, Joan Butler, Sonja Cookson, Barbara Hebert

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Prelude: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

David Curtiss, *Baritone*

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #469: "Morning Has Broken"

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| 1. Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word! | 2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass. | 3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day! |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of “mine” and “yours.” You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so. *(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.**

Special Music: The New Horizons Children’s Choir

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

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "The Shepherd's Voice"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

* The Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except by God's grace. 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: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Chancel Choir

For the beauty of the earth. For the beauty of the skies. For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies. Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of the hour Of the day and of the night. Hill and vale and tree and flower. Sun and moon and stars of light. For the joy of human love. Brother, sister, parent, child. Friends on earth and friends above. For all gentle thoughts and mild. For each perfect gift of thine. To our race so freely given. Graces human and divine. Flowers of earth and buds of heaven. Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

* 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 #288: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

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| <p>1. I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.</p> <p>2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!</p> | <p>3. There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

*Devote yourself to the teachings of the gospel,
To your prayers and our Christian fellowship day by day,
For they will lead you to a glad and generous heart.
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: "Let All Things Now Living"

arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

May 3, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Know the Way"

First Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

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.



thank you

Dear Friends,

I cannot find words to thank you for the amazing retirement reception on Saturday at Longshore Lake Club. It was perfect. I loved having the chance to chat with so many of you! I see your faces week after week in the congregation, but never have a chance to visit. I am looking forward to the soft pew cushions after 50 years on the hard organ benches!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Vanderbilt is my family, and I will look forward to seeing you in church while we enjoy new musical leadership!

Sincerely, Jim Cochran

IN SYMPATHY

We are saddened to announce the death of **LaVerne Perrollaz** on April 5, 2026.

LaVerne has been a faithful member of Vanderbilt for over sixteen years. Please keep her family in your prayers.

With Sympathy

*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.



Help us help others
by serving this
important mission!



Friday, May 1 at 1pm
We carpool from the church
returning around 7pm



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."

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
FIESTA NIGHT
APRIL 29
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.



Many thanks to the staff and students from New Horizons for participating in our worship this morning. New Horizons is one of our mission partners and we always look forward to their annual visit. **New**



Horizons of Southwest Florida works to change the lives of under-resourced students by providing tutoring, mentoring and faith-building programs at its clubs. They follow the FATHER principles (Faith-Accountability-Teamwork-Honesty-Education-Respect) to create a respectful and caring environment allowing students to grow.

www.newhorizonsofswfl.org.

VANDERBILT LEARNING CENTER
CLASS OF 2026

KINDERGARTEN
& PRESCHOOL

Graduation & Spring Concert

MAY 20, 2026
6:00 P.M.

VANDERBILT LEARNING CENTER
PRESENTS

SPRING CONCERT
PK2 & PK3

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026
11:45A.M.

VPC SANCTUARY

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING:

JOIN US FOR A
COOKIE RECEPTION & PICTURES



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

Happy Birthday!

Wendy Baker	4/26
Chris Wood	4/28
*Jim Hart	4/29
Sagar Bankar	4/29
*Stephen Myers	4/30
Katherine Barkley Willis	5/2
Joanne Whitman	5/2
*Marie Jablonski	5/2

Happy Anniversary!

Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen	4/29
Dennis & Alice Lebo	4/29
**Ron & Linda Addaman	4/29
Clifford & Margaret Swaby	5/1

* **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)

COL Jessica D. Grassetti

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

E4 Brian Guzman

USAF - Colorado
(Cesar Guzman's son)

Staff SGT Jacob Guzman

US Army-Ft. Campell, KY
(Cesar Guzman's son)

SGT Wesley Kennedy

USMC - Ft. Myers, FL

1st LT Tyler Olbrich

US Army - South Carolina
(friend of Karen Hiller)

LCPL Michael Russell

USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC
(Heather Anderson's son)