



# 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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## May 10, 2026—10:00 am

### The Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Confirmation Sunday

The flowers on the Chancel are given to honor all mothers and in loving memory of Ethel Burlingham Lea and Charlene Muir, our mothers, by Sally & Jim Muir.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in celebration of our Confirmation class of 2026.

Welcome to all our new members!

### 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*  
**Karen Chappler**, *Liturgist*  
**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*

**The Chancel Choir**  
**The Carillon Ringers**, **Gordon Black**, *Director*  
**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** Joyce Hickmon & CC Waskey  
**Ushers:** Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Ron & Linda Addaman, Steve Blad, Barbara Hebert, Carol Lindsay

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 66:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

<sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

<sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer.

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

**Prelude:** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Carillon Ringers, Gordon Black, *Director*

### Announcements

### Passing of the Peace

#### \* The Call to Worship:

*Bless the Lord, O people, sing!*

**Let the sound of praise ring out.**

*Come and hear what the Lord has done,*

**The Lord who has made everything!**

*Let us worship God.*

#### \* Hymn #376: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit,  
Let us find the promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. *(silence)* Amen.

### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.*

**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.

### Reception of New Members and Confirmation

**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

1 Peter 3:13-22

*<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order*

to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

John 14:15-21

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** “Do You Love Me?”

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:** “Sing to the Lord a New Song”

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

The Chancel Choir

People and tongues of every nation sing to the Lord a new song. Bring him a song of jubilation, sing to the Lord a new song. All God’s creatures, old men and children, Voices raised in hymns of love. He crowns the humble with salvation. Sing to the Lord a new song. Mountains and hills and all creation sing to the Lord a new song. Join in a hymn of adoration. Sing to the Lord a new song! Praise His name, sing Alleluia! Praise Him for His mighty deeds. This is our song, our supplication: “Sing to the Lord a new

song!" Praise Him, shining stars, and praise Him highest heavens. Oh, all kings and princes praise His holy name. Angels above make melody to him. Now lift your voice, lift up your heart, and sing, and sing! Come, Christians all, now raise your voices, sing to the Lord a new song. Praise and thanksgiving be your choices, sing to the Lord a new song. Sound the trumpet! Play on the lute and harp; Dance your dance, and shout for joy! Make music now as heaven rejoices, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing! Sing! Sing a new song!

**\* 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 #115: "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

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| <p><b>1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain<br/>Of triumphant gladness;<br/>God hath brought forth Israel<br/>Into joy from sadness;<br/>Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke<br/>Jacob's sons and daughters;<br/>Led them, with unmoistened foot,<br/>Through the Red Sea waters.</b></p> | <p><b>2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;<br/>Christ has burst His prison,<br/>And from three days' sleep in death<br/>As a sun hath risen.<br/>Now rejoice, Jerusalem,<br/>And with true affection<br/>Welcome in unwearied strains<br/>Jesus' resurrection.</b></p> |
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**\* Commission and Blessing**

*Sisters and brothers, God has heard you and given heed to your prayers.*

**Therefore, we will go in peace to serve Christ, and eagerly do what is good.**

*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.**

*Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.*

### WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Lynne Gratton** joins VPC as a full time member by reaffirmation of faith. She is a retired elementary school teacher from Toledo, Ohio. She enjoys ballroom dancing and looks forward to becoming an active member at VPC.

### Introducing the 2026 Confirmation Class!

Our Confirmands are active youth group participants in high school — grades nine through 12. They serve our church family and community as VBS volunteers, acolytes, ushers, liturgists and even an audio/visual technician. Their mission work includes Meals of Hope, Relay for Life, mentoring and more. Each student has completed a formal confirmation curriculum, years of faith discussions together and shared their personal Statements of Faith with Session on April 27.



**Devon Grider, Carter Mikes, Riley Grider, Sydney Carver,  
Alyssa Gersch, Wyatt Gersch, Ayden Carver**

### IN SYMPATHY

*We are saddened to announce the death of affiliate church member, **Bill Lienemann** on February 8, 2026. Bill and his wife, Ann, were affiliate members of Vanderbilt for over twenty-four years until they moved to Illinois to be near family in 2022.*

*You may send a card to: Ann Lienemann,  
9 Pine Ridge Dr., Springfield, IL 62711.*

*Sadly, another church member, **Bill Oehler**, died on May 1, 2026. Bill and his late wife, Judy, were members of Vanderbilt for over nineteen years. Bill's memorial service will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 11am at VPC.*

*You may send a card to: Rev. Nancy Oehler Love,  
31 Locust Ln., Washington, IA 52353.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

**May 17, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.**

**Sermon:** "A Prayer for Unity"

**First Reading:** Acts 1:6-14

**Gospel Reading:** John 17:1-11

### REMINDERS FOR TODAY

Fellowship Hour is located in the Student Center following worship.

Please sign the Deacons letters located in the Narthex.

LET'S  
**GLOW**  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS**  
 May 13

You are the light of the world – created to glow in the dark!

5:30PM\* – 7:00PM  
 Student Center

WNL BREAKS FOR THE SUMMER

**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 - 6:00 - 9:00PM**  
**BONITA SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**25592 IMPERIAL PARKWAY**  
**BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34135**

JOIN OUR TEAM OR DONATE AT THE RELAY FOR LIFE  
 WEBSITE: RELAY FOR LIFE SWFL  
**VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**& LEARNING CENTER**

**YOU'RE INVITED** to the **GRAND RE-OPENING** of **FELLOWSHIP HALL!**

Join us for Fellowship Hour  
**Sunday, May 17, 2026**  
 following worship!

**Collier Harvest**  
 Email Pete Rodino - [pvrodino@aol.com](mailto:pvrodino@aol.com) to volunteer!

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

**Monday, May 18, 2026**  
 4:15pm - unloading van (heavy lifting)  
 4:45-6pm - bagging food  
 at 4451 Mercantile Ave.

**VPC VBS Needs your donations to Help us make VBS Amazing!**

**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
 Exploring the Nature of God

We are looking for paper wrapping supplies from Amazon deliveries and oversized boxes (appliance size). Bring them to the church office or the Student Center. Check the VPC Week at a Glance links to our Amazon and Group Wish Lists.

**We're all moving UP!**

If you have a student graduating or moving up to a new school, let us know! This includes grandchildren! Send us a picture and short paragraph including their name, school and grade they are graduating/moving up from and the school they are heading to. Please include family information and tell us something fun about your graduate. We will honor them on Graduation Sunday, May 31. Please email submissions by May 26 to Michele Byrd at [mbyrd@vpcnaples.org](mailto:mbyrd@vpcnaples.org)

**Graduation Sunday - May 31, 2026**  
**Celebrating graduates and educational milestones!**

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

To donate online go to [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org) and GIVE in the Endowment section.

Make checks payable to Vanderbilt Presbyterian. Add "Cochran Endowment Fund" to the note.

### 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. Prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for 30 days.

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| Ridley Baird & Family  | Jim Folliard          | Barbara McElwaine | Sam & Marilyn Schellar   |
| Chuck & Kristi Beattie | Pat Gould             | Laura McLarty     | Pete Schwiers            |
| Kimberly Gould         | Lynne Gratton         | John McMaster     | Bill Shouldice           |
| Blackwell              | Jim & Mary Hart       | Sally Muir        | Tricia Taylor            |
| Jim Campbell           | Margaret Horstman     | Ivana Novelli     | Barbara Thomas           |
| Adriana Caruso         | Sandra Johnson        | The Oehler Family | Bob Townsend             |
| Molly Cochran          | Ana Koch              | Audrey Olsen      | Yana & family in Ukraine |
| Pat Colby              | The Lienemann Family  | Pat Paciello      | Bill & Sue Van Fossen    |
| Bob & Jan Conrad       | Justin Loeffler       | Jodi Reckmeyer    | Yvonne & Tony            |
| Ron Davis              | Andrew Lowry          | Marsha Reed       | Van Rooyen               |
| Joyce Dersch           | Sr. Markolette Madden | Pat Rose          | Dianne Westerlund        |
| John Dietrich          | Doris Martin          | Twila Rowe        |                          |

### Happy Birthday!

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|----------------------|------|------------------|------|
| *Mary Hart           | 5/10 | *Anne Smith      | 5/13 |
| Zachary Woodring     | 5/10 | *Steve Blad      | 5/14 |
| Victoria Franklin    | 5/11 | Laura Piiipponen | 5/14 |
| *Caitlin Whittington | 5/11 | *Jean Dugan      | 5/14 |
| Karen Chappler       | 5/12 | Jim Shields      | 5/15 |
| Callum McGuigan      | 5/12 | Cynthia MacLeod  | 5/15 |
| Connor McGuigan      | 5/12 |                  |      |



### Happy Anniversary!

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| David & Larissa Gibson | 5/11 |
| Bill & Marian Cattrell | 5/12 |

\* **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](mailto:mbyrd@vpcnaples.org)). Thank you for your continued prayers for these military personnel.

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| <b>LT Wyatt R. Dawley</b><br>US Navy Intel<br>(Debbie Dawley's grandson)                   | <b>COL Jessica D. Grassetti</b><br>(Claudia Polzin's niece)                      | <b>SGT Wesley Kennedy</b><br>USMC - Ft. Myers, FL                                   |
| <b>PVT E2 Joshua Fowler,</b><br>US Army, Columbus, GA<br>(Joe & Sharon Doggett's grandson) | <b>E4 Brian Guzman</b><br>USAF - Colorado<br>(Cesar Guzman's son)                | <b>1st LT Tyler Olbrich</b><br>US Army - South Carolina<br>(friend of Karen Hiller) |
|  | <b>Staff SGT Jacob Guzman</b><br>US Army-Ft. Campell, KY<br>(Cesar Guzman's son) | <b>LCPL Michael Russell</b><br>USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC<br>(Heather Anderson's son)  |