



# 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 24, 2026—10:00 am Day of Pentecost

The flowers on the Chancel are given in celebration of Amber Grider's birthday by the Grider Family and in celebration of our 67th wedding anniversary by Robert & Doris Martin.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in celebration of the ordination of our new church officers.

### 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*  
**Virginia Garner Cullison**, *Violinist*

**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*  
**The Chancel Choir**  
**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** Barbara Hebert & Ruth Wade  
**Ushers:** Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Joan Butler, Gwen Salyer, Joe Trees, Gisela Yingst

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 104:24-34

<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> There is the sea, great and wide;

creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

<sup>27</sup> These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

<sup>28</sup> when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

**Prelude:** A Trio of Pentecost Hymns 1. "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

Traditional

2. "On Pentecost They Gathered" 3. "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

### Announcements

### Passing of the Peace

#### \* The Call to Worship:

*Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.*

**Alleluia!**

*Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.*

**Alleluia!**

*Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.*

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

*Let us worship God.*

\* **Hymn #129:** "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

EBENEZER

**1. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
come with Pentecostal power;  
give the church a stronger vision;  
help us face each crucial hour.**

**Built upon a firm foundation,  
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
still the church is called to mission  
that God's love shall be made known.**

*Continued*

2. We would raise our alleluias  
for the grace of yesteryears;  
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,  
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey  
you have led us all the way;  
still in presence move before us,  
fire by night and cloud by day.

3. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise you,  
glorify your holy name.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in One: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas  
now and through eternity.

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. *(silence)* Amen.

#### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*In Jesus Christ, you 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.

**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

Numbers 11:24-30

*<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. <sup>26</sup> Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup> And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" <sup>30</sup> And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

*<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Unleashing the Spirit"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**\* The Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit: justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls us to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage: to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**Amen.**

**Installation and Ordination of Officers**

**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: "Song for the Unsung Hero"**

Joseph M. Martin (b. 1959)

The Chancel Choir

Let us sing for unsung heroes, those who lay their dreams aside. Choosing honor more than glory. Pledging faith with quiet pride. Those whose uniform is courage, yet are unashamed of tears. Finding in their love of freedom power stronger than their fears. Sing a song for unsung heroes, sing from sea to shining sea. As the faithful sang before you, sing the song of liberty. Let us sing for unsung heroes, those who answered freedom's call. Those united by one purpose, all for one and one for all. We will sing and not be silenced, we will keep our voices strong, for as long as we keep singing, freedom's cry will still live on. My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty. Of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring. Let us sing the song of freedom, sing the song of liberty. America!

**\* 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 #564: "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"

MATERNA

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| <p>1. O beautiful for spacious skies,<br/>For amber waves of grain,<br/>For purple mountain majesties<br/>Above the fruited plain!<br/>America! America! God shed His grace on<br/>thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood<br/>From sea to shining sea!</p> <p>2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,<br/>Whose stern, impassioned stress<br/>A thoroughfare for freedom beat<br/>Across the wilderness! America! America!<br/>God mend thine every flaw,<br/>Confirm thy soul in self-control,<br/>Thy liberty in law!</p> | <p>3. O beautiful for heroes proved<br/>In liberating strife,<br/>Who more than self their country loved,<br/>And mercy more than life!<br/>America! America! May God thy gold refine<br/>Till all success be nobleness<br/>And every gain divine.</p> <p>4. O beautiful for patriot dream<br/>That sees beyond the years<br/>Thine alabaster cities gleam,<br/>Undimmed by human tears!<br/>America! America! God shed His grace on<br/>thee And crown thy good with brotherhood<br/>From sea to shining sea!</p> |
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### \* Commission and Blessing

*Be witnesses of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead,  
who sits at the right hand of God in glory.*

**Who sends the Holy spirit to empower us for service in his name.**

*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: "Voluntary in C Major"

Richard Peek (1927-2005)

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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

May 31, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday & Graduation Sunday

Guest Preacher: Miguel Estrada

Sermon: "Trinity: Love, Life and Community"

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

**REMINDER:** The Deacons letters are in the Narthex for your participation.



## Graduation Bibles

Help us gift our graduating seniors a study Bible! We invite you to highlight your favorite verse and write a short message on the inside explaining why you love it, and why you hope they do too or write a short note of encouragement for their journey!

## 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!

## Pastor's Bible Study

WILL BE ON HIATUS  
BEGINNING MAY 20  
FOR A SUMMER BREAK.



*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual  
light shine upon them. May  
they rest in peace. Amen.*

## MEMORIAL ★ DAY ★

REMEMBERED AND HONORED

IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY,  
THE OFFICE AT VANDERBILT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WILL BE  
CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026

### 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.

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.

Join us on Sunday,  
June 28, 2026 at 10:00am  
for Dr. James B. Cochran's  
final Sunday as Director of  
Music at Vanderbilt  
Presbyterian Church.

THANK YOU JIM!

## 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.

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

### Happy Birthday!

*Jim Campbell	5/24
*Cohen Vayda	5/26
Alicia Farman	5/26
Jayce Wood	5/27
*Stephen Schock	5/27
Annelise Whittington	5/27
Sara McConnell	5/28
Anne Christensen	5/28



### Happy Anniversary!

**Bill & Jodi Reckmeyer	5/24
Brian & Julie Carver	5/25
Robert & Janice Conrad	5/28
Adam & Kristin Day	5/28
Bob & Doris Martin	5/30

### IN SYMPATHY

*We are saddened to announce the death of **John McMaster** on May 16, 2026 at the age of 92. He and his wife, Roberta, have been members of VPC for over 19 years. Please keep his family in your prayers at this difficult time. The family is planning a memorial service at a later date in Indiana.*

Condolences may be sent to Roberta at  
2201 East St., North  
Manchester, IN 46962

\* **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.

**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  
**CPT Tyler Olbrich**  
US Army - South Carolina  
(friend of Karen Hiller)  
**LCPL Michael Russell**  
USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC  
(Heather Anderson's son)