

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 3, 2026—10:00 am — The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The flowers on the Chancel are given in loving memory at the recent passing of our dear friend, Pauline Luthi, from "the Pod": Rebecca Beavers, Nellie Cummins, Joyce Geary, Carolyn Magarro, Claudia Polzin, and Jean Rawson.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in celebration of Lew Bevan's birthday on May 3rd.

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*
Julie Carver, *Pianist*
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, *Audio/Visual Technician*

Greeters: Pat Gagliano & Carol Lindsay
Ushers: Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken (Head Ushers), Karen Chappler, Sonja Cookson, George Morton, Anne Smith
Communion Servers: Janie Ballurio, Joan Butler, Karen Chappler, Jan Fern, Debbie Hamilton, Tom Hauschild, Barbara Hebert, Joe Hodgson, Ben Hood, Eliza Nevin, Tim Riggers, Jack & Ellen Tanner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Prelude: "Adagio in D Minor"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Tom Hauschild

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight, and on him we build our lives.

We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts, for we have been called out of darkness and into the light.

Once we were not a people,

but now we are God's people;

once we had not received mercy,

but now we have received mercy.

With hearts lifted in praise, let us worship God.

* Hymn #332: "Live into Hope"

TRURO

**1. Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!**

**2. Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.**

**3. Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.**

**4. Live into hope of captives freed
From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
To faith and hope and joy and peace.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life. Help us, O God. Forgive us.

(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.

**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 2:2-10

*² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—
³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for*

those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Know the Way"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

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: "Worthy is the Lamb"

Don Wyrzten (b. 1942)

The Chancel Choir

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing!

*** 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**

Pastoral Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion: Improvisation

Julie Carver

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

*** Hymn #513: "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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*** Commission and Blessing**

May Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, be with you.

May the Spirit empower us to serve in Christ's name.

May God, who raised Christ from the dead, keep you forevermore. Alleluia.

Amen.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

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.

Postlude: "Voluntary in D"

John Stanley (1712-1786)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

May 10, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Sunday

Sermon: "Do You Love Me?"

First Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

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 for coming to church!

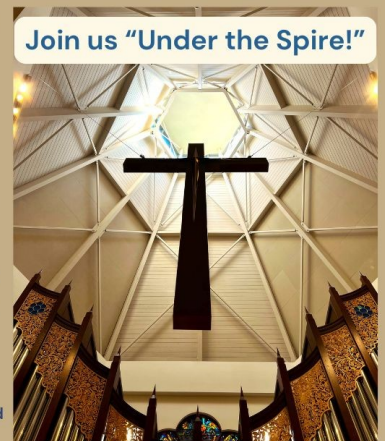
A.I.M. – Adventures In Membership

Are you interested in joining our church family?

Join us for worship and stay for a brief Q&A with Pastor Rob as we chat about Vanderbilt and what it means to be involved in the ministry of Christ's church.

*childcare provided

Join us "Under the Spire!"



May 3, 2026 at 11:15am



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



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."

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



May 7, 2026

Romans 15:13

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Spring Fling Picnic Success!
2026

WE WANT SEND OUT A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE- THIS NIGHT WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU!

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Your support directly helps the VLC Parent Team continue to provide events, resources, and opportunities for our students and staff.

We appreciate you all so much!

With gratitude, 25-26 VLC Parent Team Board



VANDERBILT LEARNING CENTER
CLASS OF 2026

**KINDERGARTEN
& PRESCHOOL**

Graduation & Spring Concert

MAY 20, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

Join us afterward for a cookie
reception & pictures!

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do." -Ephesians 2:10

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

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

To donate online go to www.vpcnaples.org and GIVE in the Endowment section.

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

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

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!

A reception will be held in
Fellowship Hall after
worship. Please plan to
join us as we celebrate
Jim's incredible 35 years
of music ministry.

The search for our next **Director
of Music and Organist** is
underway.

The members of the committee
are: Steve Blad, Steve Kutler, &
Ann Foote. (Pastor Rob and
Michele Byrd, ex-officio)
Updates will be provided.

Questions are always welcomed.

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

PRAYER
list

Happy Birthday!

*Lew Bevan	5/3	Sarah Martyniak	5/5
Bill Van Fossen	5/3	*Judy Peabody	5/6
Joe Feddern	5/3	Naseem Yousaf	5/7
Kyle Vayda	5/3	Pierson Day	5/7
Alice Lebo	5/5	Zach Minck	5/8
Clifford Swaby	5/5	Rich Yovanovich	5/8
Clifton Joyner	5/5	*Leah Ray	5/9
Lillian Day	5/5	Harley Ruppert	5/9
Stacia Hinkler	5/5		

Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Ann Grundstrom 5/6

* **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)