

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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June 28, 2026—10:00 am

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The flowers on the Chancel are given to Dr. James Cochran in sincere appreciation for 35 years of outstanding music ministry and dedication to Vanderbilt from Robert & Doris Martin.

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a celebratory picnic honoring Dr. James Cochran.

Thank you Dr. Jim! We love you!

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

Gwen Salyer, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist

Michele Byrd, Soprano

The Chancel Choir

Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician

Greeters: Joyce Hickmon & Carol Lindsay

Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers),

Joan Butler, Jack & Ellen Tanner, Lynn Thomas

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1, 4-6

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Prelude: "Prelude in A Minor"
"Aria for Organ"
"Prelude in F Major"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Craig Phillips (b. 1961)
Bach

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

* The Call to Worship:

God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's holy people.

We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Come, let us worship God.

* Hymn #482: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

2. Praise ye the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise ye the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O Lord, you taught us to love you and our neighbor, but we have not lived in right relationship or walked in the light of your love. Forgive us for the wrongs we have done; we know that the wages of sin is death. Yet we trust in your gift of forgiveness, which is freedom and life in Christ. (silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Special Music: "With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing,
declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

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

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of

the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "God Provides"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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: "Precious Lord"

arr. Roy Ringwald (1910-1995)

The Chancel Choir

Precious Lord, take my hand, Bring me home through the night, Through the dark, through the storm,
To thy light, I have been to the mount I have seen the promised land: Precious Lord, take my hand.
Bring thy child home at last, Where the strife and the pain All are past: I have dreamed a great dream
That thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, take my hand. Take thy child unto thee,
With my dream of a world that is free For that day when all flesh Joins the glory thou hast planned
Precious Lord, take my hand.

*** 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 #420: "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

CWM RHONDDA

**1. God of grace and God of glory
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**4. Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not them nor Thee!**

**5. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.**

Director of Music Retirement Litany:

Leader:

Holy God, giver of every good gift, today we give thanks for the ministry of music in this congregation and for the servant who has led us in song.

People:

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of music that lifts our spirits, shapes our faith, and opens our hearts to your presence.

Leader:

For the years of faithful service, for early mornings and late evenings, for rehearsals, planning, and prayer, for the steady hands at the organ and the patient leadership of choirs,

People:

We give you thanks, O God.

Leader:

For hymns that carried us through grief, for anthems that stirred our souls, for melodies that taught our children the stories of Jesus,

People:

We give you thanks, O God.

Leader:

For creativity, excellence, and dedication; for the ministry of beauty offered week after week; for the witness of a life lived in praise,

People:

We give you thanks, O God.

Leader:

As our brother in Christ enters a new season of life, grant him rest, joy,
and the deep peace of knowing his work has blessed this church.

People:

May God's Spirit continue to inspire him, guide him, and surround him with love.

Leader:

We release him from the responsibilities of this ministry, but we hold fast to the gifts he has shared,
the music he has offered, and the faith he has lived among us.

People:

Thanks be to God for a faithful servant, for a ministry well-lived,
and for the song that continues in our hearts.

Leader:

Let us pray. God of grace, bless your servant in retirement. Renew his strength, deepen his joy,
and let your music continue to echo through his life. May he know the gratitude of this congregation
and the delight you take in all he has offered.

People:

Amen.

Solo: "We Shall Behold Him"

Dottie Rambo (1934-2008)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

The sky shall unfold, preparing His entrance; The stars shall applaud Him with thunders of praise.

The sweet light in His eyes shall enhance those awaiting, And we shall behold Him then, face to
face. And we shall behold Him, face to face in all of His glory, Our Savior and Lord. The angels shall
sound the shout of His coming, The sleeping shall rise from there slumbering place. And those who
remain shall be changed in a moment, And we shall behold Him then, face to face.

Our Savior and Lord. Savior and Lord.

Benediction

Choral Response: "Sunset and Evening Star"

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar When I put
out to sea, But such a tide as moving seems a sleep, Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew
from out the boundless deep Turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark! And
may there be no sadness of farewell When I, when I embark; For tho' from out our bourne of time and
place The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar.

Postlude: "Sortie"

César Franck (1822-1890)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

July 5, 2026—10:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Finding Rest"

First Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Second Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 10:00am is
Dr. James B. Cochran's final Sunday as
Director of Music at VPC.

THANK YOU JIM!

The worship service will include favorite
music chosen by Jim and a special blessing.
A reception and celebratory picnic will be
held in Fellowship Hall after worship.
Please plan to join us as we celebrate Jim's
incredible 35 years of music ministry.

SUMMER CAMP PRAYER PROJECT

Join us in our Summer Camp Prayer Project and pray for our
youth attending Cedarkirk, June 21-28.

physical
health &
safety

build new
friendships

deepen
existing
friendships

encounter
God

camp
leaders &
staff

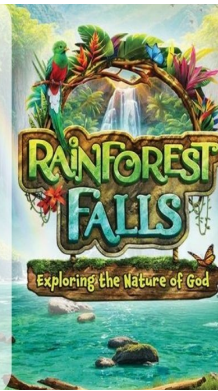
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Wednesday,
July 15, 2026
VBS Volunteer
Training & Dinner
5:30-7pm
Student Center

Volunteer
Commissioning
Sunday, July 19,
2026 at 10am

July 20-24, 2026
VBS
9am- 12pm
*Volunteers
arrive at
8:30am*

Sunday, July 26,
2026
VBS Celebration
Sunday at 10am



reasons to VOLUNTEER at

Reach children with Jesus' love
Answer God's call to serve
Invest in the next generation
Nurture young hearts
Form lasting relationships
Offer your gifts to God
Rely on God
Encourage spiritual growth
Share laughter and joy
Transform lives (including your own!)

VBS



MAKE A SPLASH FOR STUDENTS

VBS MISSION PROJECT

We are collecting school supplies
and backpacks for our mission
partners. We hope this year's
VBS Mission Project will help
alleviate some of the financial
stress for families and ensure
their children (PK-12th grade)
have what they need for a
successful school year.

Monetary donations can be
made to VPC -
note VBS mission project.

JUNE 28-JULY 26

WIDE RULED
SPIRAL
NOTEBOOKS

PENCIL
SHARPENERS

BLACK & RED
PENS

24 PACK
CRAYONS

GLUE STICKS

POCKET
FOLDERS WITH
PRONGS

SHARPENED
#2 PENCILS

ZIPPER
BACKPACKS

RULERS

8/10 PACK
WASHABLE
MARKERS



FILL THE LAGOON!



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.

Justin Aquino & Family	Joyce Dersch	Sarah Martyniak	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
Ridley Baird & Family	Jim Folliard	John McGregor	Bill Shouldice
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Ron Garvey, DDS	Laura McLarty	Reggie Smith
Julie Beavers	Pat Gould	Sally Muir	Barbara Thomas
Kimberly Gould	Jim & Mary Hart	David Nale	Yana & family in Ukraine
Blackwell	Margaret Horstman	Ivana Novelli	Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Richard Brown	Kathy Huebner	Audrey Olsen	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Jim Campbell	Sandra Johnson	Pat Paciello	Dianne Westerlund
Adriana Caruso	Carolyn Mackie	Peggy Paulsen	Alexis Williams
Molly Cochran	Sr. Markolette Madden	Jodi Reckmeyer	
Pat Colby	Bob & Doris Martin	Marsha Reed	
Ron Davis	Megan Martin	Twila Rowe	

PRAYER
list...



Happy Birthday!

Emmy Vayda	6/28	*Barbara Faude	7/2
*Alyce Demma	6/29	Barbara Minter	7/2
Brenda Karnes	6/30	Henry Gaylord	7/3
Katherine Skrabonja	7/1	*Greg Borden	7/4
*Paul McGuigan	7/1	John Braun	7/4
Peggy Free	7/1	Liberty Franklin	7/4
Heidi Stryker	7/2	*Jason Mikes	7/4
Margaret Waters	7/2		

Happy Anniversary!

Bill & Sue Van Fossen	6/28
Kyle & Brooke Vayda	6/30
Harley & Nancy Ruppert	7/1
Pete & Karen Rodino	7/4

* **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!

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for **Rick Bethem** will be held on Monday, June 29, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Cards may be sent to Ruth Bethem, 1814 Imperial Golf Course Blvd, Naples, FL 34110.

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)	COL Jessica D. Grassetti (Claudia Polzin's niece) E4 Brian Guzman USAF - Colorado (Cesar Guzman's son) Staff SGT Jacob Guzman US Army-Ft. Campbell, 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)
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