

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church 2026-2027 Concert Series



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear Friends of Music,

It is my absolute pleasure to share the 2026-2027 Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Concert Series with you! As the new Director of Music, I am excited to play the first concert of the series – I will share with you some of my favorite organ works on our stunning Lively Fulcher. We have a wonderful line-up of exciting artists from our own neighborhood, and from all over the world. So much fun awaits us!

Please browse through this brochure, and mark your calendars accordingly! Vanderbilt is committed to supporting a **green climate initiative**, so we are sending our concert brochure to you virtually and ask that if you are comfortable donating online, please go to www.vpcnaples.org and click the GIVE button at the top right side. Click on the MUSIC tab and mark your gift as “Concert Series” in the note field. You can also scan the QR code below. If you prefer a printed copy of the brochure, please let us know and we can mail one to you. There are also copies available in our church office and Narthex.

In order to present talent on this level, we need your financial support. If you are unable to give, please come to the concerts anyway! Please take a look at what we are offering this year, and contribute as generously as you can. And then, tell your friends about the series, and attend these remarkable world-class concerts!



Sincere thanks,
Dr. Augustine Sobeng,
Director of Music

November 8, 2026 — 4 p.m. **Dr. Augustine Sobeng, Organist**

The newly appointed Director of Music at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Dr. Augustine Sobeng, will open the concert series with an exciting tour de force on the Lively Fulcher organ. Come and hear a selection of some of his absolute favorite, great organ works - the luminous Sixth Trio Sonata of J. S. Bach, the sparkling Scherzo of Duruflé, the riveting Imperial March of Edward Elgar, and more. You are in for a truly memorable experience!

Make sure to add this exciting event to your calendar. Let's welcome Augustine to Naples!



Sunday, December 20, 2026 — 4 p.m.
**Annual Choirs Christmas
Concert**

Join the Vanderbilt Chancel Choir, Carillon Ringers, and guest instrumentalists and soloists for an unforgettable afternoon of holiday magic! Experience the timeless story of Christ's birth brought to life through a breathtaking tapestry of dazzling lights, seasonal decorations, triumphant trumpets, and soaring Hallelujahs. From beloved hymns and grand anthems to intimate vocal solos, this is the spectacular musical tradition your family won't want to miss. Come dressed in your holiday finest and bring a festive heart—and voice—to sing along!



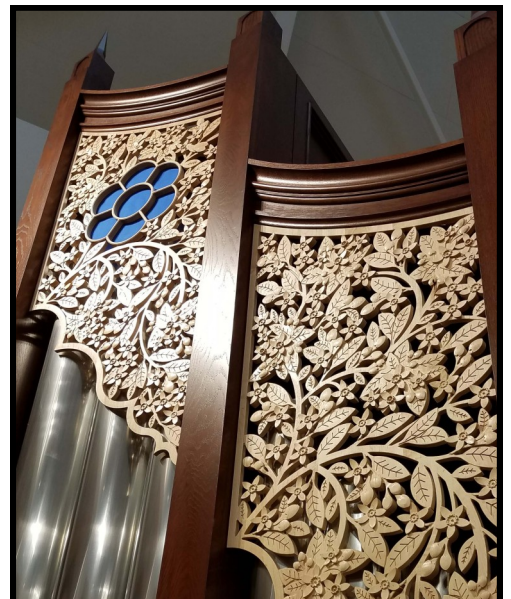
January 17, 2027 — 4 p.m.
**Julie Carver, Pianist
Whitney Winfield, Vocalist
“Making Room”**

Naples' own Broadway-caliber talent returns home! Having performed in 48 states through national tours, regional theater, and Off-Broadway, Whitney Winfield is back on her home stage. Joined by her longtime collaborative pianist, Julie Carver—who has prepared and accompanied Whitney since childhood—the duo presents a captivating musical storyteller showcase. Together, they deliver a deeply relatable reflection on expectations, reality, and life's beautiful unknowns, while celebrating the shared joys of music, motherhood, and modern life.



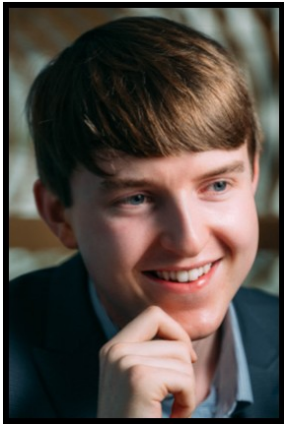
December 2, 9 & 16, 2026—12 p.m.
Advent Noontime Concerts
*Wednesday concerts begin at 12 p.m.
and last 30 minutes. Bring a friend!*

Dr. Augustine Sobeng will continue to highlight the Lively Fulcher Organ for the three Advent Noontime Concerts this year. These 30 minute concerts will showcase music from different countries for Advent and Christmas. Dr. Sobeng will explain some of the mechanics of the organ and give a tour of it's many sounds. After the concert, the audience is invited to come and see the console up close and ask questions about the instrument.



February 21, 2027 — 4 p.m.

The Winner of the Dr. James B. Cochran Organ Prize: Dr. Alexander Little



Dr. Alexander Little is a British-born organist currently working in New York City, where he is Director of Music of the Church of the Ascension (Episcopal) on Fifth Avenue. He received his D.M.A. from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with Prof. David Higgs. While at Eastman, he was also awarded the prestigious Artist's Certificate. Look forward to hearing (and watching!) Jean-Baptiste Robin's recently commissioned, captivating set of etudes, and the compelling concert finale: Julius Reubke's Sonata on the 94th Psalm — surely the highlight of the program!! Alex is a remarkable musician who approaches all the music he plays with great sensitivity.

March 21, 2027 — 10 a.m.

Palm Sunday Worship with special music



Join us for an uplifting journey through scripture and song! Come hear—and sing along with—moving selections from J. H. Maunder's *Olivet to Calvary*, and a joyful, triumphant performance of Joseph M. Martin's celebrated anthem, "*Arise and Sing, Behold the King!*" It will be a spirited celebration of praise you won't want to miss.

✚ TAIZÉ



A Taizé service is a contemplative, Christian worship service characterized by meditative singing of simple, repeated chants, extended periods of silence, candlelight, and scripture readings. These services aim to foster inner peace, reflection, and reconciliation among all people. Taizé services are at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary: November 22, December 13, January 10, February 7 and March 14.

Sunday Worship

10 a.m.

Join us!

Special Services

December 24

Christmas Eve

4 p.m.—Unrehearsed
Christmas Pageant

7 p.m.—Traditional
Worship

February 10

Ash Wednesday

6 p.m.—Worship with
imposition of Ashes

March 21

10 a.m.—Palm Sunday

March 25

6 p.m.—Maundy Thursday
Dinner and Worship

March 26

Good Friday

7 p.m.—Tenebrae Worship

March 28

Easter Sunday

8 a.m. & 10 a.m.—Worship