

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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March 30, 2025 — 10:00 am

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The flowers on the Chancel are donated in loving memory of my parents,
Samuel & Nahala Swaby by their loving son, Cliff.

The Fellowship Hour is in celebration of the Kim Family
as they return to their mission in Bangkok.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
The Rev. Su Kim, Guest Preacher
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
Jerry Grandey, Liturgist

Julie Carver, Pianist
The Chancel Choir
The New Horizons Children's Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Ron & Linda Addaman
Ushers: Karen Chappler (Head Usher),
 Doug Dunn, Henry Gaylord, George Morton, Jack
 & Ellen Tanner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Prayer

Loving God, in all I do this day,
Use me as a sign of your reconciling love.
Let me not view anyone from a human point of view,
But let me see all whom I will encounter with the eyes of Christ,
Through whom I pray. Amen.

Prelude: "Prelude for Musical Glasses"

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Announcements

A Moment for Mission

New Horizons

The Call to Worship

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #430:** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148th

**1. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
Through the ages long!**

Refrain:

**In bold accord, come celebrate
The journey now and praise the Lord!**

**2. Long years have come and gone,
And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision,
Dream the dream!**

Refrain

**3. Let courage be our friend,
Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission
magnify the Crucified!**

Refrain

**4. Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed
O'er the ages long!**

Refrain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. *(silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

As a parent welcomes home a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

* 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.**

Special Music

The New Horizons Choir

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

Psalm 32

¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. ⁸I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I

will counsel you with my eye upon you. ⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. ¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. ¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Come to Our Senses"

The Rev. Su Kim

***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. 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

Offertory: "The Call"

Alexander Brent Smith (1889-1950)

The Chancel Choir

Come, my way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way as gives us breath; such a Truth as ends all strife; such a Life as killeth death! Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a Feast, such a Feast as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a Heart as joys in love!

*** 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 #442: "The Church's One Foundation"**

AURELIA

1. The Church's one foundation

**Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.**

2. Elect from every nation,

**Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.**

Continued

3. **Though with a scornful wonder
This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.**

4. **Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;**

**Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.**

5. **Yet she on earth has union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
May live eternally.**

*** Commission and Blessing:**
*Go forth as ambassadors for Christ,
In whom we have new life.
Alleluia!
Amen!*

*** Benediction Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"** (Copyright 1955 by Jan-Lee Music. Renewed 1983. Used by permission.)
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: "March in G"

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

April 6, 2025 — 10:00 am — The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sermon: "Straining Forward"

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

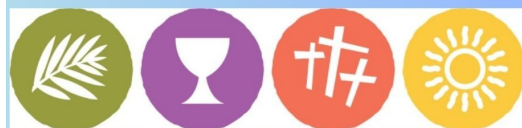
Gospel Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

IN SYMPATHY

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Gerry Greenblatt**, husband of Lynn Greenblatt, on March 23, 2025 at the age of 89. Lynn was the administrative assistant at VPC for many years and a member since 1982. They moved to South Carolina to be with Gerry's family in 2023. Please keep Lynn in your prayers during this difficult time. Cards can be sent to: Lynn Greenblatt, 4701 Blakeford Ct, North Charleston, SC 29420*

April 13, 2025 — 4 p.m.

Annual Choirs Spring Concert



The annual Spring concert will be a musical journey through Holy Week, beginning with music of Palm Sunday, moving through the music of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and concluding with joyful anthems of Easter. Organ, Timpani, Brass Ensemble and soloists will perform. Works by John Rutter, Mary McDonald and more.

Easter Lilies

Dedicate Easter lilies in honor or memory of your loved ones. Any amount is appreciated. Just complete the form, available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, with your donation marked "Easter Lilies".

To be included in the bulletin, please return by April 13, 2025.

Questions?

Call Barbara Bonavita at 597-5410.

Holy Week

SCHEDULE

- ***Palm Sunday** April 13 8:00 & 10:00 am
Worship includes Palm Processional with Children and Youth (10am)
- Maundy Thursday** April 17 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall
Dinner provided by Boston Beer Garden
Call the office by **April 14** to sign up 597-5410
- ***Good Friday** April 18 7:00 pm
Tenebrae with Chancel Choir
- ***Easter Sunday** April 20 8:00 & 10:00 am
Worship with special music. Sunday School for children & youth including Flowering of the Cross & Easter Egg Hunt (10am)



*Worship in the Sanctuary

THANK YOU!

Our children and youth, served through participation in the Habitat Build Challenge during Wednesday Night Lights, raising over \$250. Your generous donations will go directly to Habitat to help build houses! Check the Week-at-a-Glance or the TVs at church for the results of the Penny Voting.

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Prayer is our response to God's gracious invitation, based on the needs of the other person. A confident expectation that God will act. Prayer Gives Peace.
"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God."
- Philippians 4:6-7

We would like to update our digital directory with new photographs of our members.

Tom and Ann Grundstrom will be in Fellowship Hall on April 13 (Palm Sunday) and April 20 (Easter) following worship.

Please plan to stop by and take a new photo for use in our online digital directory in Realm.

Thank you!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

- **ALLELUIA CHOIR: Wednesday, April 2 at 5pm** in the Sanctuary with Dr. Jim.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: Wednesday, April 2 at 5:30pm** in Fellowship Hall.
- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6pm** in the Library.
- **ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP:** Are you interested in joining VPC? Join Pastor Rob on **Sunday, April 6** following worship in the Sanctuary.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION

- **NEW HORIZONS:** Special thanks to the New Horizons Children's Choir for singing this morning during worship. To learn more about this important mission partner, go to newhorizonsofswfl.org.
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: March** is Habitat Month at VPC. It is our goal to raise \$250,000.
- **RELAY FOR LIFE:** Join the team or donate to the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Team! **Friday, April 4 from 6-8pm** at Aubrey Rogers High School, 15100 Patriot Place, Naples 34110.
- **BLOOD DRIVE:** Call the office or sign up in the Narthex! **Sunday, April 6 from 9am-12pm.**
- **WEEKEND POWER PACK:** Please join us for our next packing event, **Thursday, April 10 at 10:30am** in Fellowship Hall.
- **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Envelopes in the Narthex — **through April 20th.**

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.



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| Susan Aufderhaar | Sonja Cookson | Elaine Hinkle | Father Monty Sayers |
| John Baird | Dick Creviston | Sandra Johnson | Sam & Marilyn Schellar |
| Chuck & Kristi Beattie | Andrea Daggett | Ed Kirby | Ron Sieling |
| Johnny Beckman | Teresa DeBaun | Doris Martin | Matthew Skrip |
| Alexis Bevan | Donato De Blasi | The Miller Family | Erik Strandwitz |
| Adriana Caruso | Annette Dietrich | Ellen Morton | Bruce & Heidi Stryker |
| Dick Clark | The Dodd Family | Joan Mountford | Linda Surawiak |
| Pat Colby | Louise Eliot | Donna Mullin | Bob Townsend |
| Bob & Jan Conrad | Jackie Elmer | Ivana Novelli | Yana and family in Ukraine |
| | Max & Pat Gould | Pocket Patterson | Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen |
| | The Greenblatt Family | Laura Piipponen | Jay Wilson |
| | Kate Hafner | Jodi Reckmeyer | Chris Wood & Family |

Happy Birthday!

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| Eliza Nevin | 3/30 |
| Nancy Miller | 3/30 |
| Ron Shaffer | 3/31 |
| *Kathryn Leaming | 4/1 |
| Toni Keefer | 4/2 |
| Maia Day | 4/2 |
| Rodger Jacob | 4/3 |
| CC Waskey | 4/3 |
| Kelsey Lowe | 4/4 |
| *Rebecca Wheat | 4/5 |

Happy Anniversary!

Dick & Susie Hilton 4/1

*** 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 annually
request up to 5% from the Club for Youth
and Education Ministry!



**Welcome to our new
Birthday Club Members!**

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| Joe Hodgson | 2/24 |
| Tim Riggers | 3/15 |
| Lynn Thomas | 3/20 |

THANK YOU!



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.

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| LT Wyatt R. Dawley US Navy Intel (Debbie Dawley's grandson) | E4 Brian Guzman USAF - Colorado (Cesar Guzman's son) | 1st LT Tyler Olbrich US Army - Iraq (friend of Karen Hiller) |
| PVT E2 Joshua Fowler, US Army, Columbus, GA (Joe & Sharon Doggett's grandson) | SGT Jacob Guzman US Army-Tennessee (Cesar Guzman's son) | MAJ Rex Rafferty USAF—Alabama (Norm & Linda Parker's granddaughter's husband) |
| MAJ Allen Fujinaka US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband) | CPTN Devon Hennessey Korea (Toni Hubbard) | LCPL Michael Russell USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC (Heather Anderson's son) |
| COL Jessica D. Grassetti (Claudia Polzin's niece) | SGT Wesley Kennedy USMC - Ft. Myers, FL | |

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

Please let the office know if you are in the hospital. **597-5410**