



# 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 9, 2025 — 10:00 am**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

The flowers on the Chancel are donated  
in loving memory of Judy Malone by Steve Blad.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored  
in loving memory of Judy Malone by Steve Blad and Anne Smith.

**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**  
**Mary Lynn Myers, Liturgist**  
**Julie Carver, Pianist**

**Ian Jessee, Viola**  
**The Chancel Choir**  
**Devon Grider, Audio/Visual Technician**  
**Greeters:** Jan Fern & Barbara Hebert  
**Ushers:** Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Steve  
Blad, Price & Carol Lindsay, Anne Smith

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

<sup>1</sup> You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
<sup>2</sup> will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,  
<sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

<sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

**Prelude:** "Canto Popolare"

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Ian Jessee, *Viola*

### Announcements

### Moment for Mission

*Karen Chappler - Habitat for Humanity*

### The Call to Worship

*The God of our ancestors heard our cries and  
saw our oppression when we were slaves in Egypt.*

**God brought us out with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,  
with signs and wonders God brought us through the wilderness.**

*The Lord, our shelter, our refuge, our dwelling place says,*

**"When my people call to me, I will answer them;**

**I will be with them in trouble; I will show them my salvation."**

*Let us worship God.*

\* **Hymn #81:** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

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| <b>1. Lord, who throughout these forty days<br/>For us didst fast and pray,<br/>Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins,<br/>And close by Thee to stay.</b> | <b>3. And through these days of penitence,<br/>And through Thy Passiontide,<br/>Yea, evermore, in life and death,<br/>O Lord, with us abide.</b> |
| <b>2. As Thou with Satan didst contend,<br/>And didst the victory win,<br/>O give us strength in Thee to fight,<br/>In Thee to conquer sin.</b>          | <b>4. Abide with us, that so, this life<br/>Of suffering over-past,<br/>An Easter of unending joy<br/>We may attain at last!</b>                 |

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. *(silence)* Amen.**

### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

**Thanks be to God. 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.**

### 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

Deuteronomy 26:6-11

*<sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Special Music: "Gabriel's Oboe"

Ennio Morricone (1928-2020)

Ian Jessee, Viola

## The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

*<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>9</sup> Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message: "God Saves Us"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

## \*Affirmation of Faith

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crises and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. Amen.**

## Offering

**Offertory:** "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Derek Hayes

The Chancel Choir

*(Text can be found on page 306 of The Hymnal.)*

## \* 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 #80: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

LONESOME VALLEY

- 1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley,  
He had to walk it by Himself;  
O, nobody else could walk it for Him,  
He had to walk it by Himself.**
- 2. We must walk this lonesome valley,  
We have to walk it by ourselves;  
O, nobody else can walk it for us,  
We have to walk it by ourselves.**
- 3. You must go and stand your trial,  
You have to stand it by yourself,  
O, nobody else can stand it for you,  
You have to stand it by yourself.**

## \* Commission and Blessing:

*These Lenten days will take us to the cross of Christ.*

**We go forward, knowing that we do not go this way alone.**

*Nor do we have to be afraid,*

**For the Word of God strengthens us and the Holy Spirit sustains us.**

*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: "Prelude in G Minor"**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES  
FOR NEXT WEEK**

**March 16, 2025**

**10:00 am**

**The Second Sunday in Lent**

**Sermon: "Are You Willing?"**

**First Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 13:31-35**

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

The Christian forgiveness Stephen Ministers share with others is distinct, based on Jesus' life and death and resurrection. During this Lenten Season, let us all practice Christian forgiveness.

*"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."*

- Ephesians 1:7-8

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE**

Mark your calendar for **March 9, 2025** for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.

The meeting will be held immediately following the 10am worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the next class of VPC officers and all members of the Congregational Nominations Committee, approve the 2025 Terms of the Pastoral Call, and to receive the 2024 Annual Report.

***We hope to see you there!***



**Have you signed up for Lunch Bunch yet? Join us! Our next lunch is on Sunday March 9th!**

**After Fellowship Hour, small groups will meet for lunch at a restaurant around noon.**



**March is Habitat for Humanity Month at VPC!**

**Our goal is to raise \$250,000!**



**For more information about volunteering on-site, email Karen Chappler - [kchappler@aol.com](mailto:kchappler@aol.com).**

The 2024-2025 Concert Series  
at Vanderbilt

Pick up a brochure for a  
full list of concerts in  
the Office or Narthex.



March 16, 2025 — 4 p.m.

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

**Augustine Sobeng**



Augustine Sobeng is a native of Ghana who is studying at the Eastman School of Music and pursuing a DMA degree in organ performance. Highlights of the concert include works by Bach, Widor and Vierne.



**Wednesday Night Lights**

**Habitat Build Challenge**

March 19 - Construction  
March 23 - Penny Voting

"Love your neighbor." - Mark 12:31



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**Join the VPC Book Club!**

Our next meeting is Monday,  
March 17, 2025  
at 1:30pm at the church.

We will be discussing

*Hello Beautiful*

by Ann Napolitano

"A Decades Long family saga of  
love, grief and basketball, inspired  
by Little Women."

For more information,  
email Peggy Landon  
mlandon711@gmail.com



*Pastor's Bible Study*

Pastor Rob's Wednesday Evening Bible Study will  
be on hiatus until **March 19th**.  
Mark your calendars accordingly.

TIME CHANGE COMING UP...

**MARCH 9, 2025**



**BE SURE TO RESET YOUR CLOCKS ON SATURDAY NIGHT!**

**GREAT AMERICAN**

**CLAM  
PASS  
BEACH**

**CLEAN UP**

**KEEP COLLIER BEAUTIFUL**

Let's join together and show our  
commitment to keeping our beaches clean.



**SATURDAY**  
MARCH 22, 2025



**START AT**  
08:00AM - DONE



**Charles Whittington TEXT (239) 216-3137**



**465 Seagate Drive, then take boardwalk**

## 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.

### PRAYER list

Betty Angulo & Aguilar Family Susan Aufderhaar Chuck & Kristi Beattie Johnny Beckman Alexis Bevan Adriana Caruso Pat Colby Bob & Jan Conrad	Sonja Cookson Dick Creviston Teresa DeBaun Annette Dietrich Louise Eliot Jackie Elmer Max & Pat Gould Lynn & Gerry Greenblatt The Grider Family Kate Hafner Pam Heimberger Elaine Hinkle	Tom Hurley Sandra Johnson Ed Kirby Doris Martin Joan Mountford Donna Mullin Ivana Novelli Pocket Patterson Laura Piipponen Father Monty Sayers Sam & Marilyn Schellar	Ron Shaffer Ron Sieling Matthew Skrip Erik Strandwitz Bruce & Heidi Stryker Linda Surawiak Bob Townsend Yana and family in Ukraine Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen Jay Wilson Chris Wood & Family
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### IN SYMPATHY

*We are saddened to announce the death of VPC member, **Sonia McDonald**, on February 25, 2025 at the age of 85. Sonia and her husband, Mac, have been members of VPC for more than 6 years. The family will have a private graveside service in Virginia. Please keep Mac in your prayers during this tender time.*

Cards can be sent to: Mac McDonald, 12401 Gayton Rd. Apt. 450, Henrico, VA 23238

### Happy Birthday!

	Asia Elsbree	3/14
*Riley Grider	3/10 Al Fletcher	3/14
Bruce Baker	3/10 *Sim Willey	3/14
*Hattie Mikes	3/11 Parker Whittington	3/14
*Patricia Colby	3/12 Elizabeth Lowe	3/15
Pat Baker	3/14 Tim Riggers	3/15

\* **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!

### 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.

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

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