

# 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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## April 13, 2025 — Palm Sunday

### 8:00 & 10:00 am — Family Led Worship

The flowers on the Chancel are donated for prayers for a brother and friend, Pat Marcello, by Russell and Kathleen Vance.

### 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*  
**Karen Chappler** (8am) and **Jim Muir** (10am), *Liturgists*  
**Evangeline Mikes**, (10am) *Youth Liturgist*  
**Gordon Black**, *Pianist*  
**Matthew Sonneborn**, *Trumpeter*

**The Chancel Choir**  
**Victoria Bonavita**, *Audio/Visual Technician*  
**Greeters:** (8am) Dick Hilton & Priscilla Kutler  
 (10am) Bill & Geri Payne  
**Ushers:** (8am) Joe Trees (Head Usher), Ben Hood, Pete Rodino  
 (10am) Pat Rose (Head Usher), Doug Dunn, Henry Gaylord, Jane Repp, Mike Swain, Gisela Yingst  
**Youth Ushers:** (10am) Alyssa Gersch, Riley Mikes

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Prelude:** "The Palms"

"Voluntary in D Major"

Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830-1914)

William Boyce (1711-1779)

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

### Announcements

#### \* The Call to Worship

*With crowds from ancient times we cry,*

**Hosanna! Save us!**

*O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!*

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

**We bless you in the house of the Lord!**

*Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,*

**Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey**

*Let us worship the living God.*

\* **Hymn #88:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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**Refrain:** All glory, laud and honor

To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,

Thou David's royal Son,

Who in the Lord's name comest,

The King and blessed One. *Refrain*

2. The people of the Hebrews

With palms before Thee went;

**Our praise and prayers and anthems**

Before Thee we present. *Refrain*

3. To Thee, before Thy passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;

To Thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

4. Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,

Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King! *Refrain*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

**God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. (*silence*) Amen.**

### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### \* 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 (10am)

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

Philippians 2:5-11

*<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Second Reading

Luke 19:28-40

*28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They said, "The Lord needs it." 35 Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** "Listening to the Stones"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

### \* The Affirmation of Faith

based Philippians 2:5-11

**We trust in God, the source of all hope, Even as we call on God to meet us in places of hopelessness. We commit to be disciples of Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, Did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, But emptied himself and was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – Even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him And gave him the name that is above every name, So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, In heaven and on earth and under the earth, And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, To the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Reception of New Members (10am)**

### Offering

**Offertory:** Hallelujah! What a Savior! From My Savior's Love

Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

The Chancel Choir

Hallelujah! What a Savior! "Man of sorrows!" what a name for the Son of God who came; ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; Jesus! What a strength in weakness! He, my Savior, makes me whole. Hallelujah! What a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end. Jesus, I do now receive him, more than all in him I find. He has granted me forgiveness; I am his, and he is mine! When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring; then anew this song we'll sing; Hallelujah!

**\* 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 #89: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

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| <p>1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,<br/>The little children sang;<br/>Through pillared court and temple<br/>The joyful anthem rang.<br/>To Jesus, who had blessed them<br/>Close folded to His breast,<br/>The children sang their praises,<br/>The simplest and the best.</p> <p>2. From Olivet they followed<br/>'Mid an exultant crowd,<br/>The victor palm branch waving,<br/>And chanting clear and loud;</p> | <p>The Lord of earth and heaven<br/>Rode on in lowly state,<br/>Nor scorned that little children should on his<br/>bidding wait.</p> <p>3. "Hosanna in the highest!"<br/>That ancient song we sing,<br/>For Christ is our Redeemer,<br/>The Lord of heaven our King.<br/>O may we ever praise Him<br/>With heart and life and voice,<br/>And in His blissful presence<br/>Eternally rejoice.</p> |
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**\* Commission and Blessing:**

*Let the same mind be in you*

**that was in Jesus Christ.**

*Go forth in peace*

**To love and serve the world.**

*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:** "Vivace" from Suite No. 1

John Stanley (1712-1786)

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

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

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

April 20, 2025 — **8:00 & 10:00 am**— Easter Sunday

**Sermon:** "Seeing the Lord"

**First Reading:** I Corinthians 15:19-26

**Gospel Reading:** John 20:1-18

**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.



**WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**



**Marjorie Berend** is joining as a full time member by reaffirmation of faith. She is a retired teacher who enjoys playing bridge and exercising. She is originally from Chicago and is happy to have found a church home at VPC!

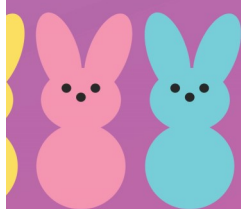
**Andrea and Christopher Paciello** are joining as full time members by letter of transfer. They moved to Naples from Massachusetts with their two children, **Kyle** (10) and **Brooklyn** (8). Chris works in finance and Andrea was an executive at Massachusetts General Hospital for over 20 years.



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.



Hangin' with my peeps

April 16 @ 5:30p

Bring A Friend To  
**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT LIGHTS**

# Holy Week

## SCHEDULE

**Maundy Thursday** April 17 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Dinner provided

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

### STEPHEN MINISTRY:

The story of Easter is one of love and redemption. It reminds us that no matter how dark things may seem, there is always light ahead. Stephen Ministers are trained to help those in darkness journey to light.

*"Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

John 11:25-26



## Easter Fellowship Hours following the 8 & 10 am services

We need your help to make our Fellowship Hours spectacular!

We expect many visitors on Easter, and we want to have a beautiful spread for our fellowship together following worship.

**Drop off your donations any weekday  
between 9am-4pm or on Sunday mornings!**

**Thank you in advance!**

**Friday,  
April 25, 2025**

**9:00 am**

**Leitner Park**

**26724 Nomad Dr.  
Bonita Springs 34135**

**JOIN US**

Email Eliza Nevin  
[elizanevin@comcast.net](mailto:elizanevin@comcast.net)

Donations of food and  
volunteers to serve are  
needed.



## Collier Harvest

Join us to pack bags  
of healthy and  
nutritious food for  
our hungry neighbors  
across Collier County.

Email Pete Rodino  
[pvrodino@aol.com](mailto:pvrodino@aol.com)  
to volunteer!

**Monday, April 28, 2025**


4:15pm - unloading van  
(heavy lifting)

4:45-6pm - bagging food  
at 4451 Mercantile Ave.



## 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.

	Pat Colby	Jim Hart	Pocket Patterson
	Bob & Jan Conrad	Elaine Hinkle	Jodi Reckmeyer
	Sonja Cookson	Barbara Hurst & Family	Father Monty Sayers
	John Baird	Sandra Johnson	Sam & Marilyn Schellar
	Chuck & Kristi Beattie	Doris Martin	Matthew Skrip
	Alexis Bevan	Ellen Morton	Linda Surawiak
	Doris Bowman	Joan Mountford	Yana and family in Ukraine
	Adriana Caruso	Donna Mullin	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Dick Clark	Kate Hafner	Eliza Nevin	Jay Wilson
	Ivana Novelli	Chris Wood & Family	



### Happy Birthday!

Gary Christensen	4/13	David Rohde	4/17
Jim Flick	4/14	*Barbara Hebert	4/18
*Colette Vayda	4/14	Robert Conrad	4/19
Lois Ann Folliard	4/15	Christi Millard	4/19
Bob Townsend	4/15	Joseph Bostater	4/19
Ells Bowser	4/17	Dick Clark	4/19

### Happy Anniversary!

Stan & Margaret Leonard	4/13
Ells & Joanne Bowser	4/17

#### \* 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.

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

Please let the office know if you are in the hospital. [597-5410](tel:597-5410)