



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 17, 2025 — 6:00 pm — Maundy Thursday

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

James Cochran, Director of Music



Holy Week

SCHEDULE

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)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting:

John 13:1-15

¹ Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

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| <p>1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.</p> <p>2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.</p> | <p>3. And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.</p> |
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Washing of Feet

Prayer

Dinner

*Special thanks to **Boston Beer Garden**
for supplying our Maundy Thursday meal.*



1. Beneath the cross of Jesus

I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

2. Upon that cross of Jesus

Mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

Scripture:

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: *Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?*

All: We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.

One: *It is indeed right, our duty and delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; you made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, joining our voices in their unending praise:*

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: *All glory and blessing are yours, O holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.*

All: Why do we eat bread at this table?

One: *On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take. Eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

All: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

One: *The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

All: What do we remember at this table?

One: *We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:*

All: Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

One: *Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that in eating and drinking them we may be made one with Christ and one another.*

All: Amen.

One: *Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.*

All: Amen.

Communion

Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees"

LET US BREAK BREAD

**1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain:

**When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.**

Refrain

**3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.**

Refrain

Closing Prayer:

One: *God of love, truly we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, who offered himself in humble service to his disciples even on the night he was betrayed. Truly you shine in our hearts when we show your love to others in Christ-like acts of service and fellowship.*

All: We leave this place eager to reflect the glory of Christ, our source of hope and life, our Teacher and Lord, who laid down his life so that we might live. Amen.