



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 18, 2025 7:00 pm — Good Friday

IT IS FINISHED

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
Gordon Black, Pianist
Virginia Garner Cullison, Violinist
Michele Byrd, Soprano

Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
The Chancel Choir
VandeReaders: Karen Chappler, Judy Davis, Jim Muir, Pat Rose, Ellen Tanner, Sue Van Fossen
Ushers: Bill & Geri Payne (Head Ushers), Anne Grundstrom, Ben Hood, Jane Repp

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: "Pie Jesu" from Requiem

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem. Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.

Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest. Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest.

Announcements

*Call to Worship

And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world,

And we loved darkness rather than light.

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world,

But that the world might be saved through him.

Everyone who does evil hates the light,

And does not come to the light.

But all who do what is true come to the light.

Come, let us worship in spirit and truth.

Anthem: "God So Loved the World"

John Stainer (1840-1901)

The Chancel Choir

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, But have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, But that the world through Him might be saved.

Opening Prayer (*seated*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of his passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; for ever and ever.

Amen.

1) Jesus Speaks to the Father

Luke 23: 34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

In the midst of his excruciating suffering, the heart of Jesus was focused on others rather than himself.

Here we see the nature of his love—unconditional and divine.

Judy Davis

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| <p>1. O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.</p> <p>2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.</p> | <p>Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.</p> <p>3. What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.</p> |
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2) Jesus Speaks to the Criminal on the Cross

Luke 23: 43

"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise."

One of the criminals who was crucified with Christ had recognized who Jesus was and expressed faith in Him as Savior. Here we see grace poured out through faith, as Jesus assured the dying man of his forgiveness and eternal salvation.

Ellen Tanner

Solo: "How Beautiful"

Twila Paris (b. 1958)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

How beautiful, the hands that served The wine and the bread, and the sons of the Earth. How beautiful, the feet that walked The long, dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful, the heart that bled That took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful, the tender eyes That choose to forgive, and never despise. And as He lay down His life We offer this sacrifice, That we will live just as He died Willing to pay the price. How beautiful, the radiant bride Who waits for her groom with His light in her eyes. How beautiful when humble hearts give The fruit of pure lives so that others may live. How beautiful, the faith that bring The sound of good news and the love of the King.

3) Jesus Speaks to Mary and John

John 19: 26-27

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son; and to the disciple, Here is your mother."

Jesus, looking down from the cross, was still filled with the concerns of a son for the earthly needs of his mother. None of his brothers were there to care for her, so he gave this task to the Apostle John. Here we clearly see Christ's humanity.

Pat Rose

Anthem: "Love Beyond Degree"

Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

The Chancel Choir

Alas, and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree! Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in, when Christ, the mighty Maker died for man, the creature's sin. There might I hide my blushing face while Calvary's cross appears, dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears. But drops of grief can never repay the debt of love I owe: here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

4) Jesus Cries out to the Father

Matthew 27: 46/Mark 15: 34

And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

In the darkest hours of his suffering, Jesus cried out the opening words of Psalm 22.

And although much has been suggested regarding the meaning of this phrase, it is quite apparent the agony Christ felt as he expressed separation from God.

Here we see the Father turning away from the Son as Jesus bore the full weight of our sin.

Sue Van Fossen

***Hymn #101:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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| 1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride. | 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown? |
| 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood. | 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. |

5) Jesus is Thirsty

John 19: 28

Jesus knew that everything was now finished, and to fulfill the Scriptures he said, "I am thirsty."

Jesus refused the initial drink of vinegar, gall and myrrh offered to alleviate his suffering.

But here, several hours later, we see Jesus fulfilling the messianic prophecy found in Psalm 69: 21 –

"They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst."

Karen Chappler

Anthem: "Remember"

McDonald

The Chancel Choir

How sorrow casts a painful light on all these words you said; and now the bread that's broken here has filled our hearts with dread. Remember, the hour is drawing near. Remember, that love was spoken here. How can you kneel to wash our feet and seek to calm our fear? How do you gather us to drink amidst this veil of tears? I look at you and see the Father; he looks at you, his only Son. The cup you face is overwhelming. You'll finish now what you've begun. You kiss the hand that dips the bread; you bow your head to pray; you speak a word, a last goodbye, and darkness has its way.

6) It is Finished

John 19: 30

...He said, "It is finished!"

Jesus knew he was suffering the crucifixion for a purpose. Earlier he had said in John of his life, "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." These three words were packed with meaning, for what was finished here was not only Christ's earthly life, not only his suffering and dying, not only the payment for sin and the redemption of the world—but the very reason and purpose He came to earth was finished. His final act of obedience was complete. The Scripture had been fulfilled.

Jim Muir

Solo: "'Tis Finished"

Deborah Governor (b.1954)

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

'Tis finished! The Messiah dies, cut off for sins, but not His own; accomplished is the sacrifice, the great redeeming work is done. The veil is rent; in Christ alone the living way to heav'n is seen; the middle wall is broken down, and all the world may enter in. 'Tis finished! All my guilt and pain, I want no sacrifice beside; for me, for me the Lamb is slain, 'tis finished! I am justified. The reign of sin and death is o'er; and all may live from sin set free; Satan has lost his mortal pow'r. 'Tis swallowed up in victory.

7) Jesus's Last Words

Luke 3: 46

***Jesus called out with a loud voice,
"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."
When he had said this, he breathed his last.***

Here Jesus closes with the words of Psalm 31:5, speaking to the Father. We see his complete trust in the Father. Jesus entered death in the same way he lived each day of this life, offering up his life as the perfect sacrifice and placing himself in God's hands.

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

1. **Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment
has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected,
O most afflicted!**
2. **Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon You?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You;
I crucified You.**
3. **For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow,
and Your life's oblation,
Your death of anguish and
Your bitter passion, For my salvation.**
4. **Therefore, dear Jesus,
since I cannot pay You,
I do adore You, and will ever praise You,
Think on Your pity and Your love
unswerving, Not my deserving.**

Prayers of Intercession *(seated)*

*O Lord, do not be far away;
Come quickly to help!*

*In the days of his flesh,
Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,
With loud cries and tears,
To the One who was able to save him from death.
Now we have a great high priest
Who has passed through the heavens.*

Jesus, the Son of God

To whose name we pray:

*We pray for all who are despised and rejected,
Suffering and wounded, oppressed and afflicted.*

**We pray for all who feel forsaken
Crying out by day and night: Where is my God?**

*We pray for those who are mocked and scorned,
The subjects of insult and injury.*

**We pray for all who hunger and thirst,
Whose mouths are dry, whose bodies waste away.**

*We pray for all who face the end of life,
Who lie in the dust of death.*

**We pray for these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Source of all healing and endless life.**

Amen.

Solo: "Were You There?"

Traditional

Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

The Dismissal:

*May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient until death,
yes, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forevermore.*

Amen.

Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

*"For God so loved the world that he
gave his only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life."*

- John 3:16



