

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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May 4, 2025 - 10:00 am — The Third Sunday of Easter

The flowers on the Chancel are sponsored in thanksgiving for the Deacons.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Whittington Family.

Worship Participants

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
The Rev. Doug Pratt, Guest Minister
Tom Grundstrom, 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
Brooke Vayda, Children's Moment
Mary Lynn Myers, Liturgist
Gordon Black, Pianist
Virginia Garner Cullison, Violinist

John Weiss, Cellist
David Curtiss, Baritone
The Chancel Choir
Victoria Bonavita, Audio/Visual Technician
Greeters: Jan Fern & Becky Wheat
Ushers: Greg & Julie Borden (Head Ushers), Ron & Linda Addaman, Henry Gaylord, Nancy Guthy
Communion Servers: Karen Chappler, Jill Dunn, Jan Fern, Max Gould, Tom Hauschild, Eliza Nevin, Jane Repp, Tim Riggers, Jack & Ellen Tanner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

³ O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Prelude: "Andante & Allegro" from *The Water Music Suite*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin* & John Weiss, *Cello*

Announcements

Moment for Mission

The Rev. Doug Pratt - Lay Pastor Certification

* The Call to Worship

O Lord our God, we praise you.

We cried to you for help and you answered us.

You have restored our lives;

You have rescued us from the grave.

Let us worship the living God.

* Hymn #113: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

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| <p>1. "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!</p> <p>2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!</p> | <p>3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!</p> <p>4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. (silence) Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Raise us from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*** 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

Brooke Vayda

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

Acts 9:1-9

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Easter Changes Everything"

Tom Grundstrom

* The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Sunday Has Come and Jesus Lives!"

Myers/Beethoven/Thornhill

The Chancel Choir

Sing alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Hail, Easter morning! Victory is dawning: Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Death has been shaken, firstborn awakened, Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Jesus is risen, praise the Lord! Angels of glory, telling the story: Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Sing, Easter people! Ring from the steeples: Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Lo! How the tomb holds only the grave clothes, Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Join with elation in celebration: Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise! He who on the cross as Savior, for the world's salvation bled. Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead. Tell Easter tidings, voices uniting: Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Grace for the asking, life everlasting! Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Honor and laud Him; loudly applaud Him! Sunday has come and Jesus lives! Alleluia!

*** 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**

Pastoral Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion: "On Eagle's Wings"

Michael Joncas (b. 1951)

David Curtiss, *Baritone*

Prayer after Communion

Giving God, living Lord, you have fed us with your body. You have poured out your life that we might live. We thank you, for we have tasted your goodness in this meal. Fed, we are strengthened; filled, we are renewed to share the abundance of your love with a hungry world. Amen.

* Hymn #525: "Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord, of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

* Commission and Blessing:

Jesus said: Feed my lambs; tend my sheep. Follow me.

Alleluia!

Amen!

* The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

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.

Postlude: "Ode to Joy"

arr. Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Please remain seated until the end of the postlude.

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES
FOR NEXT WEEK**

May 11, 2025 - 10:00 am

Guest Preacher: Tom Grundstrom

Sermon: "It's Good to Be a Sheep"

First Reading: John 10:22-30

Second Reading: Psalm 23:1-6

**Extended Communion for
Homebound Congregants**

If you are unable to attend church and would like to receive communion at home, please call the office at 239-597-5410.



We're all moving UP!



If you have a student graduating or moving up to a new school, let us know! This includes grandchildren! Send us a picture and short paragraph including their name, school and grade they are graduating/moving up from and the school they are heading to. Please include family information and tell us something fun about your graduate. We will honor them on Graduation Sunday, May 18. Please email submissions by May 12 to Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org

Graduation Sunday - May 18, 2025

Celebrating graduates and educational milestones!

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

Stephen Ministry is all about Christ caring for people through people. Caring is a spiritual process. The heart of Stephen Ministry is God's healing love. If you find yourself in need of a caring relationship, please reach out to hear about how Stephen Ministers can help you.



"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also the interests of others."

Philippians 2:4



**Graduation
Bibles**

Help us gift our graduating seniors a study Bible! We invite you to highlight your favorite verse and write a short message on the inside explaining why you love it, and why you hope they do too or write a short note of encouragement for their journey!

Bibles and pens will be on the back table in Fellowship Hall Sunday, May 4 and May 11.

Adult Education Opportunities

Summer 2025 Schedule

Summer Adult Education opportunities will include one class on Sunday mornings after worship and fellowship (11:45am-12:30pm) and the same class again on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.

Parables from the Gospel of Luke

May 4: The Prodigal Son

May 11: The Persistent Widow

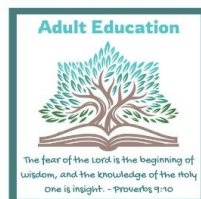
May 18: No Class &

May 25: No Class

June 1: The Faithful Servant

June 8: The Good Samaritan

June 15: The Friend at Night



Tom Grundstrom,
Facilitator

**Your
VPC family
loves you!**

Remember that your Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church family loves you! If you have any prayer requests, upcoming surgeries or health concerns, please reach out to the office staff so they can inform the Pastor, Deacons and Stephen Ministers or just add your name to our prayer list.

Feel the love of Christ through your VPC family.

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...

Dick Clark	Kate Hafner	Lora Scott
Pat Colby	Jim Hart	Matthew Skrip
Bob & Jan Conrad	Elaine Hinkle	Cindy Smarge
Sonja Cookson	Sandra Johnson	The Stryker Family
Dave Aufderhaar	Doris Martin	Linda Surawiak
John Baird	Ellen Morton	Yana and family in Ukraine
Chuck & Kristi Beattie	The Mountford Family	Yvonne & Tony Van Rooyen
Alexis Bevan	Donna Mullin	Diane Westerlund
Denis Borque	Ivana Novelli	Jay Wilson
Doris Bowman	Jodi Reckmeyer	Chris Wood & Family
Adriana Caruso	Sam & Marilyn Schellar	

Happy Birthday!

Alice Lebo	5/5	*Pierson Day	5/7
Clifford Swaby	5/5	*Rich Yovanovich	5/8
*Lillian Day	5/5	*Leah Ray	5/9
*Stacia Hinkler	5/5	Harley Ruppert	5/9
*Judy Peabody	5/6	*Mary Hart	5/10
Naseem Yousaf	5/7	Zachary Woodring	5/10

Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Ann Grundstrom 5/6



* **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). Thank you for your continued prayers for these military personnel.

LT Wyatt R. Dawley
 US Navy Intel
 (Debbie Dawley's grandson)

PVT E2 Joshua Fowler,
 US Army, Columbus, GA
 (Joe & Sharon Doggett's grandson)

MAJ Allen Fujinaka
 US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's
 granddaughter's husband)

COL Jessica D. Grassetti
 (Claudia Polzin's niece)

E4 Brian Guzman
 USAF - Colorado
 (Cesar Guzman's son)

Staff SGT Jacob Guzman
 US Army-Kuwait
 (Cesar Guzman's son)

CPTN Devon Hennessey
 Korea (Toni Hubbard)

SGT Wesley Kennedy
 USMC - Ft. Myers, FL

1st LT Tyler Olbrich
 US Army - Iraq
 (friend of Karen Hiller)

MAJ Rex Rafferty
 USAF—Alabama
 (Norm & Linda Parker's
 granddaughter's husband)

LCPL Michael Russell
 USMC - Camp Lejeune, NC
 (Heather Anderson's son)