



BACCALAUREATE

2026

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FRIDAY, MAY 8

3 P.M.

502 EAST LAMAR ALEXANDER PARKWAY  
MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## THE PRELUDE

Voluntary No. 10 in G  
(from Ten Voluntaries for the Organ)

by William Boyce

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## THE PROCESSIONAL

“Suite de Symphonies No. 1: I. Rondeau”

by Jean-Joseph Mouret

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## INTROIT

“A New Commandment”

by Louise Wyman, '62

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## OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jessica Kitchens Lewis '07

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## REMARKS FROM THE SENIOR CLASS

Joshua Cornell '26

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## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:23 (MSG)  
and Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

Austin McKee '26

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## RECOGNITION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BOARD OF CHURCH VISITORS, FACULTY & STAFF

Dr. Bryan F. Coker

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## SERMON

“As If It Were Nothing at All”

Ms. Jan Taylor

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## ANTHEM

“Only in Sleep”

Text by Sara Teasdale/Eriks Esenvalds  
*Soloists* Ella Morse '27 and Kalli Wilson '27

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

Stephanie Holt '26

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## CHORAL BENEDICTION

“A Gaelic Blessing”

by John Rutter

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**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jessica Kitchens Lewis '07

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**RECESSIONAL**

Marche Triomphale  
(from Douze pièces pour orgue)

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by Théodore Dubois

**POSTLUDE**

Voluntary No. 1 in D  
(from Ten Voluntaries for the Organ)

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by William Boyce

**MACE BEARER**

Dr. Jeff Bay  
*Chair, Division of Mathematics & Computer Science*  
*Professor of Statistics*

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**LEADING THE SERVICE**

Dr. Bryan F. Coker  
*President, Maryville College*

Rev. Jessica Lewis,  
*Chaplain and Campus Ministry Director, Maryville College*

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Joshua Cornell  
*President, MC Class of 2026*

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Austin McKee  
*President, MC Student Government Association*

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Jan Taylor  
*Senior Lecturer in Composition*

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Stephanie Holt  
*Isaac Anderson Scholar*

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**SERVICE OF MUSIC**

*Keyboard* Chase M. Hatmaker '14  
*Percussion* Amber Nejme-Hatmaker '16

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Maryville College Concert Choir

Ms. Stacey Wilner  
*Director of Choral Activities*

Jacob Parauka  
*Choral Assistant*

MARYVILLE COLLEGE  
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Maryville College is a liberal arts, church-related college. It strives to be an instrument of liberation and growth for adults of all ages. Through its curriculum the College affirms the continuing values of a broad range of study in the humanities, the sciences, and the arts. Avoiding narrow specialization, the College aims to enhance career opportunities and develop a true sense of vocation.

To prepare students for a world of uncertainty and accelerating change, the College seeks to stimulate purposeful inquiry, to encourage analytical thinking and effective expression, to foster discriminating aesthetic taste and sound judgment, to provide opportunity for developing personal values, and to nurture the deep concern for persons that leads to constructive action. Founded by leaders of the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition, Maryville College is related to the Presbyterian Church USA in a voluntary covenant. In an atmosphere of freedom and sensitivity, Maryville College bears witness to God's revelation in Jesus Christ who challenges all human beings to search for truth, to work for justice, to develop wisdom, and to become loving persons. Continuing in this vital faith, the College believes that it must listen attentively and humbly to all human voices so that it may hear the call of God no matter how God may speak.

Maryville College is, in essence, a community for learning. This community includes persons with a variety of interests, backgrounds, beliefs, and nationalities. The faculty, as a group of scholars committed to the preservation and advancement of knowledge, emphasizes effective teaching and encourages supportive relationships with students. The students are challenged to grow in academic competence, personal and social maturity, and spiritual discernment and commitment. In such an atmosphere of openness and caring, lasting friendships are formed. Through caring for others on campus and beyond, sharing genuine concern for the world, and working to fulfill the College's purpose, directors, administration, staff, faculty, and students strive to build and strengthen the human community.

*Adopted April 1980*