

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

April 14, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



### **Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:**

Acts 3:12-19 ~ Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7 ~ Luke 24:36-48

Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
is a welcoming, active, community-oriented,  
theologically Reformed congregation  
where all people are celebrated and valued  
as we worship the Triune God, engage in mission,  
and serve our community and beyond.

# **Gathering around God's Word**

PRELUDE

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

*Open the Eyes of My Heart, GtG 452*

CALL to WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 4)

**Liturgist:** The Lord hears us when we call:

**All: Come, let us put our trust in God.**

**Liturgist:** The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

**All: Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!**

**Liturgist:** The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

**All: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of Christ's salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*O Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain, GtG 234*

CONFESSION and time of self-examination (*congregation may be seated*)

**Leader:** To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin (Acts 3:19). Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

**All: Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE      *O Lord, Hear My Prayer, GtG 471, both verses*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Leader:** "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are" (1 John 3:1). Children of God, we

are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. Alleluia!

**All: Amen.**

⌘ **GLORIA PATRI** *Glory Be to the Father, GtG 581*

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.

⌘ **PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST**

May the Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

## **Encountering God's Word**

⌘ **SONG of ILLUMINATION**

*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers, GtG 231*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

#### **The ANTHEM**

*Worthy Is the Lamb*

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

Clothed in righteousness, robed in glory, holy is the Lord of Hosts.  
Blessing and honor, glory and power to Him who reigns upon the throne.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength.  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor and praise forevermore.

I heard the voice of many angels, they were gathered 'round the throne.  
They were ten thousand times ten thousand, all the angels joined as one.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength.  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor and praise forevermore.

Bring Him honor and praise forevermore. Amen.

#### **The SCRIPTURE**

##### **HEBREW TESTAMENT READING**

**Psalm 4**

##### **NEWER TESTAMENT READING**

**Luke 24:36-48**

The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**

#### **MORNING MESSAGE**

**"What's Next"**

**Elder Howard Monroe**

## **Responding to God's Word**

⌘ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)**

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

*Fairest Lord Jesus, GtG 630*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** In response to God's abundant grace at work in our lives, let us present with gratitude our gifts of time, talent and treasure, for the building up of God's kingdom.

### The OFFERTORY

*Jesus, Full of Grace*

Words and Music by Nicole Elsey and Robert Sterling

Precious Jesus, more full of grace than I of sin,  
open Your arms and take me in.  
Great Redeemer, free me from my own selfish will,  
and love this faithless sinner still.

#### REFRAIN:

Oh, Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.  
Illuminate my heart 'til Your love shines through.  
May Your perfect will be all I pursue.  
Jesus, full of grace, make me more like You.

Patient Shepherd, You know the way to bring me back.  
Restore in me the faith I lack.  
Gentle Healer, please make my broken pieces whole,  
my fallen spirit to console.

#### REFRAIN...

The ruins of my soul repair.  
Please, make my heart Your house of prayer.

#### REFRAIN...

⌘ DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, GtG 606*

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.

⌘ PRAYER of DEDICATION

**Living Lord, we give you thanks for the bounty of your grace: you create us in your image, shower us with your love, forgive us when we turn away from you, and give us a future with hope. Bless these gifts we offer you today, and make us good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. May our gifts bring joy and peace in our church and in our community. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.** *(congregation may be seated)*

MORNING PRAYER & OUR 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!**

## **Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds**

⌘ CLOSING HYMN                      *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*, **GtG 248**

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE    VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

**GtG**=Glory to God Hymnal

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**10:00 a.m. Service of Worship regularly broadcast over WKWK-FM 97.3**

Today's worship service liturgy is written by Ellen Williams Hensle and provided for free distribution by *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2024.

## *AdVance Announcements*

- *Welcome to Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, a traditional church with Spirit, serving the greater Wheeling Community and beyond! We welcome our radio congregation listening to our live worship on 97.3 WKWK-FM and to our Facebook Live congregation watching on facebook.com/VancePresbyterian. Remote listeners can go to vancechurch.org, select the "News" tab and choose "Bulletin" to follow along with a PDF of the worship service. If you ever need prayer or would like home communion, please contact the church office at 1-304-232-0980.*
- *Worship guests are particularly welcome this morning. Please stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex to receive a free gift and to leave us your contact information.*
- *The March 2024 receipts to the congregational general budget were \$19,966. Expenses for March were \$73,335. Examples of the cost of maintaining our building during March are: utilities of \$8,229 along with repairs and maintenance expenses of \$13,650.*
- *We thank Sue Abraham for serving as liturgist today.*

# Vance Calendar

Week of April 14, 2024 through April 21, 2024

## Sun. April 14

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Adult Bible Study, The Chosen, Squibb Room**
- **6pm, Youth Group, Fellowship Hall**
- 6pm, Wash. Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, Robbie Clarke Rm

## Mon. April 15

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Room
- **4:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Step Study, Wheeler Room**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms

## Tue. April 16

- 1pm, Ohio County Adult Services Coalition, Potter Chapel
- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, Squibb Room
- 7pm, Boy Scouts Troop 6 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

## Wed. April 17

- **5pm, Pack the Bags for Woodsdale School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall
- 7pm, Jr. League, Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

## Thur. April 18

- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Soup & Bread, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

## Fri. April 19

## Sat. April 20

- **10:30am, Kidz Morning Out, Fellowship Hall/Robbie Clarke Room**
- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

## Sun. April 21

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Adult Bible Study, The Chosen, Squibb Room**
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, Visiting Team, Wheeler Room**

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**Vance Church events are in bold type.**

Vance Church also houses the offices of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, Young Life, Junior League, Harmony House, and Wishing Well Learning Center.