

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Transfiguration of the Lord

March 02, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Exodus 34:29-35 ~ Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 ~ Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

**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

HYMN PRELUDE

*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining
Shine, Jesus, Shine, GtG 192*

CHIMES

LET THE CHILDREN COME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP (based on Psalm 99)

Liturgist: God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

All: For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!

Liturgist: God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

All: For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!

Liturgist: So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

All: God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

OPENING PRAYER

O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

When Morning Gilds the Skies, GtG 667

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

Leader: On Transfiguration, on the holy mountain of God, we see Jesus as he truly is. But in confession we let Jesus see us as we truly are. We name our sins, our faults, and the things we've gotten wrong, and we do so in faith that Jesus wants to see us as we are. So let's tell the truth together.

All: Almighty God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we've fallen short. You know the work we've left undone, the mercy we've left ungiven, the love we've left unshared, the peace we've left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride and violence that we've chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy, GtG 551

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, the Lord sees you and knows you. The Lord sees you and loves you. The Lord sees you and calls you. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

⌘ **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**

We Are Standing on Holy Ground, GtG 406

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

The ANTHEM

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves

Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

How great is our God!

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty: let all the earth rejoice!
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, it trembles at his voice!

REFRAIN: How great is our God! Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead three-in-one: Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb.

REFRAIN...

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to thee!

How great thou art, how great thou art!

How great is our God!

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Exodus 34:29-35

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (The Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*, **GtG 193**

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: The Lord our God is exalted over all people. All that we have, and all that we are, belong to God. Let us therefore give back to God what God has given to us, using our gifts of tithes and offerings.
(congregation may be seated)

THE OFFERTORY

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord

Presented by VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

Arranged by Moses Hogan

⌘ 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 Christ, we offer these humble gifts as tokens of our thanks, and as signs of our hope in the world you are creating. In your hands and with our hands may these gifts be transformed: into bread for the hungry, comfort for the weak, shelter for the lost and peace for the world. Amen. *(congregation may be seated)*

The SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the

Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful. Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

All Sing:

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, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Leader: We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, 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. In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you and for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

All Sing: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All Sing: Amen, amen, amen.

All please join in singing.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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, Amen.

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.
- We thank Karen Seabright for serving as liturgist today.
- For the month of January 2025 the congregation supported the Church with contributions of \$12,334 which includes Tithes, Offerings, Woodsdale School, Food Pantry, Special Music and other gifts. For the same time period, repairs and maintenance to the Church building were \$29,942.
- In 2024 the congregation received approximately \$10,000 in online giving. This remains a convenient way to turn in your tithes and offerings.
- Do you know how easy, safe, and convenient it is to use our new E-giving for your tithe or offering? Very easy indeed! Just go to the church website www.vancechurch.org and click on the "GIVE" button on the front page. A new page will "pop-up" with a giving form you can fill out with your offering amount and payment method. You can make one-time gifts or set-up recurring gifts that will automatically withdraw from your bank account. Tithing is the foundation of giving and E-giving makes it easy to give whenever the Holy Spirit moves you toward generosity.
- Next week is as follows:
 - Ushers are Ed Gustkey, Frank Provance, Bob Mead, Bob Kanters, Jeanne Finstein
 - Liturgist is Drew Seabright
 - Welcome Center Volunteer is Jill Flanagan

Vance Calendar

Week of March 02, 2025 through March 09, 2025

Sunday, March 02

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C. E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Communion Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Monday, March 03

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- 1pm, UOVP Peacemaking Committee, *General Presbyters Office*
- 1pm, YWCA Lunch & Learn, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall, C. E. Classrooms, Primary Chapel, Potter Chapel*

Tuesday, March 04

- 4pm, Susan Eison Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 6pm, Ohio County Master Gardeners Meeting, *Wheeler Room*
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000 Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

Wednesday, March 05, Ash Wednesday

- **4:30pm, Building & Property Commission Meeting, Wheeler Rm**
- **5pm, Pack the Woodsdale School Food Bags, Robbie Clarke Rm**
- 5pm, Wheeling Police Department Drive-Thru Narcan Distribution, *Parking Lot*
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *C.E. Chapel*
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thursday, March 06

- 3pm, UOVP Executive Round Table, *UOVP Resource Center*
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**
- UOVP Committee on Ministry, *ZOOM*

Friday, March 07

Saturday, March 08

- 1:30pm, Baby Shower, *Fellowship Hall & Large Kitchen*
- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, March 09

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**

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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.