

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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5th Sunday in Lent

April 06, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Isaiah 43:16-21 ~ Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14 ~ John 12:1-8

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

LET the CHILDREN COME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Presented by VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY

Here I Am, Lord

Words and Music by Daniel L. Schutte

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Please refer to GtG 69.

CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 126)

Liturgist: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

All: we were like those who dreamed.

Liturgist: Our mouths were filled with laughter,

All: our tongues with songs of joy.

Liturgist: It was said among the nations,

All: The Lord has done great things for them.

Liturgist: The Lord has done great things for us,

All: and we are filled with joy.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar, GtG 201

CONFESSION and time of self-examination

(congregation may be seated)

Leader: We come to confession like a wooden boat. We are weathered by storms of our own making; we are splintered and cracked, taking on water. God meets us in our confession as an expert carpenter: sanding, repairing, repainting, again and again, until we are restored. Trusting in God's great love for us, let us join in our confession together, let us pray

All: Ever-Present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process. We confess that we would

rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another. Guide us to reorient our lives towards your goodness and your joy. And as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy, GtG 551

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us. Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, we are renewed, and we are made whole. Beloved children of God, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Amen.

Encountering God's Word

⌘ SONG of ILLUMINATION

Woman in the Night, GtG 161

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

The ANTHEM

The Wonderful Cross

Including *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Text: Isaac Watts; Music: Lowell Mason

Please refer to GtG 223.

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and J. D. Walt

Arranged by Camp Kirkland

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Psalm 126

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

John 12:1-8

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 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*, **GtG 828**

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us. Every good gift comes from God; the things we are able to do with our time, our unique talents, as well as our treasure. In response to God's generosity, we are invited to share a portion of those gifts. However you are able to give, whatever you are called to share, let us continue our worship of God through the giving of our gifts. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

Bread of Heaven

Words by Josiah Conder (1789-1855) and Patricia Mock

Music by Patricia Mock and Faye López

Arranged by Faye López

Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more.

With the true and living Bread ever let our souls be fed, Bread of Heaven.

Vine of Heaven, fill me till I want no more.

To Thy cross I look and live; Lord, Thy wounds our healing give, Vine of Heaven.

Day by day our strength supplied through the life of Him Who died;
Lord of Life, O let it be rooted, grounded, built on Thee, Bread of Heaven.

Lord of Heaven, may we love You more and more.

As we take this bread and wine in these moments may we find

Bread of Heaven.

PRAYER of DEDICATION *(the choir may be seated)*

God of all gifts, we are grateful for the many ways you continue to provide for us. As we offer a portion of these gifts today, we ask that you might receive them and transform them. Allow these gifts to become acts of restoration and hope, here in this community and beyond. So that all of your children might live into the abundance and the joy that you offer us. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

Leader: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Jesus also said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst. The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Leader: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds

⌘ CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Priceless Treasure, GtG 830

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Christ, Be Our Light, GtG 314, V. 5

⌘ 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 Molly Spangler and provided for free distribution by *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2025.

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 Rowena Baker for serving as liturgist today.
- For the month of February 2025 tithes and offerings from the congregation were \$22,089. For the same time period building expense for utilities, repairs and other maintenance costs were \$13,276.
- Our new Men's Bible Study begins today at 8:30am in the Merriman Chapel, titled *Authentic Manhood, 33 The Series*.
- New Believer's Bible Study will start April 7th at 5pm in the Pastor's Study.
- Next week is as follows:
 - Greeter is Audrey Abraham
 - Ushers are Drew Seabright, Russ Green, Tom John, Andy Barger, Roger Cain
 - Liturgist is Rowena Baker
 - Welcome Center Volunteer is Karen Seabright

Vance Calendar

Week of April 06, 2025 through April 13, 2025

Sunday, April 06

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

Monday, April 07

- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, *Fellowship Hall*
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- 1pm, UOVP Peacemaking Committee, *General Presbyters Office*
- **1pm, VBS Meeting, El Zocolo**
- **5pm, New Believer's Bible Study, Pastor's Study**
- 6pm, Ron Scott's Parent Meeting, *Squibb Room*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall, C. E. Classrooms, Primary Chapel, Potter Chapel*
- **7pm, Mission Outreach & Community Service Commission Meeting, Wheeler Room**

Tuesday, April 08

- 4pm, Susan Eismon 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, April 09

- **5pm, Pack the Woodsdale School Food Bags, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *C.E. Chapel*
- 6pm, Ron Scott's Parent Meeting, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thursday, April 10

- **5pm, Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**
- 5pm, UOVP Training & Development Committee Meeting, *Squibb Room*

Friday, April 11

Saturday, April 12

- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, April 13

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service with Stripping of the Sanctuary, Sanctuary**
- 2pm, Thursday Music Club Concert and Reception, *Sanctuary*
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke 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.