

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 ~ Psalm 16

Exodus 15:1-11 ~ Psalm 111

1 Peter 1:3-9 ~ John 20:19-31

**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

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Great is the mystery of the faith:

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

Liturgist: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

All: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Liturgist: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Thine Is the Glory, GtG 238

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

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

All: Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy, GtG 551

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

All: We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.

Leader: Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

⌘ 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

There Is a Redeemer

Words and Music by Melody Green

Arranged by Keith Christopher

Please refer to GtG 443.

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

John 20:19-31

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 *Come Share the Lord, GtG 510*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. With glad and generous hearts, let us present our tithes and offerings. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

More Precious Than Silver by Lynn DeShazo
with *I Stand in Awe* by Mark Altrogge
Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

⌘ 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

Gracious and loving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you in celebration and thanksgiving for the good news of Easter. Give us your wisdom and grace to use what you have given us for ministries of love and compassion that will share the love of Jesus Christ. Accept what we give in response to what you have so freely given to us, your indescribable gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

The Day of Resurrection, GtG 233

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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Today's worship service liturgy is written by Philip Gladden and provided for free distribution by *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2026

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 Sue Abraham for serving as liturgist today.

Altar flowers given to The Glory of God and in loving memory of John H. and Marian V. McElhinney by The George Weaver Family.

○ Next week is as follows:

- Greeter is Audrey Abraham
- Welcome Center Volunteer is Rowena Baker
- Liturgist is Rowena Baker
- Ushers are Diane Crowl, Audrey Abraham, Sue Abraham, John Looney, Ann Bopp

Vance Calendar

Week of April 12, 2026 through April 19, 2026

Sunday, April 12

- **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, April 13

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- **6pm, Celebrate Recovery Step Study, Wheeler Room**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *C. E. Classrooms*
- **7pm, Session Meeting, Squibb Room**

Tuesday, April 14

- **10am, Staff Meeting, Church Office**
- 4pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 6pm, Ohio County Master Gardeners, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000 Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

Wednesday, April 15

- **4:30pm, Missions Commission Meeting, Squibb Room**
- **5pm, Nourish to Flourish, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 5pm, Wheeling Symphony Orchestra Board Meeting, *Potter Chapel*
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *C.E. Chapel*
- **6pm, EF&M Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- 7pm, Scouting America Troop 6000, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thursday, April 16

- 11am-4pm, Community Foundation Meeting, *Potter Chapel*
- 4:30pm, Vets with Guitars, *Merriman Chapel*
- 5pm, Young Lives Dress Night, *Fellowship Hall*
- **6pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**
- 6:30pm, PEO Meeting, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Friday, April 17

- **1pm, Marketing Meeting, Pastor's Office**

Saturday, April 18

- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *Potter Chapel*

Sunday, April 19

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C. E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, 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.