

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Acts 4:5-12 ~ Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24 ~ John 10:11-18

**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

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us, GtG 187, verses 1 and 4

CALL to WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23)

Liturgist: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

All: The Good Shepherd leads us beside still waters and restores our soul.

Liturgist: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

All: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

OPENING PRAYER

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, GtG 11

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

Leader: The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word and worship. Let us pause to confess our sins to our Good Shepherd.

All: Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Live in Charity: Ubi caritas, GtG 205

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

We Are One in the Spirit, **GtG 300**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery.)

The ANTHEM

VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY

The Word Was God

Music by Rosephanye Powell

Text John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made that have been made.

Nothing was made, He has not made.

All things were made by Him...

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. **2** He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; **3** he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. **4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

NEWER TESTAMENT READING

John 10:11-18

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, **GtG 802**

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's church.

The OFFERTORY

Shepherd Me, O God

Words and Music by Marty Haugen

Based on Psalm 23

Choral Setting by Mark Hayes

Refer to GtG 473.

⌘ 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

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry. 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 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, GtG 353*

⌘BENEDICTION

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⌘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 Teri McDowell Ott 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.*
- *The Deacon's Visiting Team will meet today at 11:15am in the Wheeler Room.*
- *The Christian Education Commission will meet Monday, April 22, 2024 at 12:00 noon in the Robbie Clarke Room.*
- *We thank Rowena Baker for serving as liturgist today.*

Vance Calendar

Week of April 21, 2024 through April 28, 2024

Sun. April 21

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms, 2nd 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 Visiting Team Meeting, Wheeler Room**

Mon. April 22

- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Room
- **12pm, C.E. Commission Meeting, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **4:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Step Study, Wheeler Room**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms

Tue. April 23

- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, Squibb Room
- 7pm, Boy Scouts Troop 6 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wed. April 24

- **4pm, Nominating Committee Meeting, Squibb Room**
- **5pm, Pack the Bags for Woodsdale School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall
- 7pm, Jr. League, Junior League Room, 3rd Floor

Thur. April 25

- 10am, YWCA Crime Victims Simulation, Fellowship Hall
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Soup & Bread, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Fri. April 26

Sat. April 27

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

Sun. April 28

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms, 2nd Floor**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 11am, Baby Shower, Fellowship Hall & Large Kitchen
- **11:15am, Adult Bible Study, The Chosen, Squibb Room**
- **6pm, Youth Group Rock Wall Climbing, Highlands**
- 6pm, Wash. Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, Robbie Clarke Rm

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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.