

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Acts 9:36-43 ~ Psalm 23

Isaiah 53:1-6 ~ Psalm 114

Revelations 7:9-17 ~ John 10:22-30

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, GtG 803

CALL to WORSHIP (Isaiah 53:5-6)

Liturgist: He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of Christ's commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want, GtG 801

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

Leader: Our sin is before us, leading us astray. Let us return to God through our prayer of confession.

All: Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ's righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Lead Me, Lord, Celebration Hymnal 695*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness;
Make your way plain before my face.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: We are an Easter people, forgiven and freed, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

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

Lamb of God, GtG 518

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord

Words and Music by Carole Sager and David Foster

Words Adapted and Music Arranged by Tom Fettke

We pray You'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go,
and teach us to be wise in times when we don't know.

Let this be our prayer when we lose our way.

Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace
to a place where we'll be safe.

We pray we'll find Your light, and hold it in our hearts
as darkness falls each night, remind us where You are.

Let this be our prayer, when shadows fill our day.

Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace.
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Lead us, Lord, lead us in Your righteousness;
make Your way plain for us to see.

We pray we'll find Your light, and hold it in our hearts
as darkness falls each night, remind us where You are.

Let this be our prayer, just like ev'ry child
needs to find a place, guide us with Your grace.

Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace,
to a place where we'll be safe.

Lead us, Lord

The SCRIPTURE

NEWER TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:36-43

GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica Harley

Responding to God's Word

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

All: 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 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*, **GtG 187**

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: As Christ's disciples, let us offer our gifts to Christ's ministry.

The OFFERTORY

Presented by members of VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Words and Music by Rev. Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Arranged by Rollo Dilworth

Please refer to GtG 821.

⌘ 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

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the vulnerable. Amen.

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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, **GtG 802**

⌘ BENEDICTION

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VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

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Today's worship service liturgy is written by Teri McDowell Ott, 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.
- Please join us for cupcakes today in the Narthex immediately following the Service.
- We thank Gail Looney for serving as liturgist today.
- Chancel flowers are donated in honor/memory of all mothers.
- Anna Maria Jarvis (05/01/1864-11/24/1948) of Grafton, West Virginia, in memory of her mother, in 1908 sent 500 white carnations to Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church. From that point on, the carnation has become the symbol of Mother's Day (white if your mother is deceased, and red or pink if your mother is living). Today's carnations are donated by Vance Children. Please select your carnation according to color.
- Next week is as follows:
 - Greeter is Jane Hare
 - Ushers are Diane Crowl, Audrey Abraham, Sue Abraham, John Looney, Ann Bopp
 - Liturgist is Kevin Miller
 - Welcome Center Volunteer is Zach Abraham

Vance Calendar

Week of May 11 through May 18, 2025

Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day

- **8:30am, Men's Study, Authentic Manhood, 33 The Series, Merriman Chapel**
- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, Robbie Clarke Room

Monday, May 12

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Room
- **5pm, New Believers' Bible Study, Merriman Chapel**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms
- **7pm, Session Meeting, Squibb Room**

Tuesday, May 13

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

Wednesday, May 14

- 10:30am, Woodsdale School Preschool Graduation Practice, Fellowship Hall
- **5pm, Pack the Bags for Woodsdale School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, Primary Chapel
- 7pm, Junior League, Junior League Room, 3rd Floor

Thursday, May 15

- **12pm, VBS Meeting, Squibb Room**
- 4:30pm, Vets with Guitars, Merriman Chapel
- 4:30pm, YWCA Executive Board Meeting
- 5:00pm, YWCA Board Meeting
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Friday, May 16

- **Titanic Set-Up**

Saturday, May 17

- **5pm, Titanic Dinner, Fellowship Hall**
- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, Potter Chapel

Sunday, May 18

- **8:30am, Men's Study, Authentic Manhood, 33 The Series, Merriman Chapel**
- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE 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.