

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 12, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



### **Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 ~ Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13 ~ John 17:6-19

**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

*There Is a Redeemer, GtG 443*

CALL to WORSHIP (based on Psalm 1)

**Liturgist:** Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked

**All: We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.**

**Liturgist:** Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water

**All: God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian, GtG 303*

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

**Leader:** As this Easter season comes to a close, we turn again to God to confess our sins, the sins of our community and our society, to prepare ourselves to live into the redemption Christ offers.

**All: Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

*You Are My All in All, GtG 519*

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

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak, GtG 722*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

#### **The ANTHEM**

##### *Be Still*

by Mary McDonald

Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am with you.  
Be still and know that I will comfort you  
when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am here for you;  
and I will wipe your tears;  
you will be renewed.

Come unto Me, My child, be still,  
and know that I will give you rest.  
I am present in your pain  
and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.

Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am with you.  
Be still and know that I will comfort you  
when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am here for you;  
and I will wipe your tears;  
you will be renewed.

Peace I leave with you;  
My peace, I give unto you.  
Peace. Peace. Peace.

Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still. Be still. Be still.

#### **The SCRIPTURE**

##### **HEBREW TESTAMENT READING**

###### **Psalm 1**

##### **NEWER TESTAMENT READING**

###### **Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

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

#### **MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Erica L. Harley

## **Responding to God's Word**

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

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

*Come, Labor On, GtG 719*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** With joy and gratitude for all we have been given, let us offer our gifts to God.

### **The OFFERTORY**

Presented by VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY

*Wanting Memories*

by Ysaye M. Barnwell

I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me  
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes  
I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me  
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes

You used to rock me in the cradle of your arms  
You said you'd hold me till the pains of life were gone  
You said you'd comfort me in times like these and now I need you  
Now I need you, and you are gone

I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me  
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes  
Since you've gone and left me, there's been so little beauty  
But I know I saw it clearly through your eyes

Now the world outside is such a cold and bitter place  
Here inside I have few things that will console  
And when I try to hear your voice above the storms of life  
Then I remember all the things that I was told

I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me  
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes  
I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me  
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes

I think on the things that made me feel so wonderful when I was young  
I think on the things that made me laugh, made me dance, made me sing  
I think on the things that made me grow into a being full of pride  
I think on these things, for they are true

I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me  
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes  
I thought that you were gone, but now I know you're with me  
You are the voice that whispers all I need to hear

I know a please a thank you and a smile will take me far  
I know that I am you and you are me and we are one  
I know that who I am is numbered in each grain of sand  
I know that I've been blessed again, and over again

I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me  
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes  
I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me  
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes

⌘ 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

**O God, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts.  
Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your  
love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our  
Savior. 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 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*, **GtG 839**

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

**GtG**=Glory to God Hymnal

**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.
- Flowers donated in memory of our mothers, by Wendy and Phil Polack.
- 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.
- Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School to be held July 14- July 18 at Christ United Methodist Church from 6-8pm, for ages 3 through Fifth Grade. See the sign-up in the Narthex.
- We thank Michelle John for serving as liturgist today.

# Vance Calendar

Week of May 12, 2024 through May 19, 2024

## Sun. May 12

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Wash. Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke Rm*

## Mon. May 13

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- 4:00pm, Laughlin Chapel Playground Ribbon Cutting, *Laughlin Chapel*
- **4:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Step Study, Wheeler Room**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*
- **7:00pm, Session Meeting, Squibb Room**

## Tue. May 14

- **10am, Staff Meeting, Erica's Office**
- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 6:00pm, Ohio County Master Gardeners Meeting, *Wheeler Room*
- 7pm, Boy Scouts Troop 6 Meeting, *Fellowship Hall*

## Wed. May 15

- **5pm, Pack the Bags for Woodsdale School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7pm, Jr. League, *Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

## Thur. May 16

- 10am, Woodsdale School Rehearsal, *Fellowship Hall*
- 5:00pm, YWCA Board Meeting, *Squibb Room*
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Soup & Bread, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Ft. Henry Days, *Wheeler Room*
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

## Fri. May 17

## Sat. May 18

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

## Sun. May 19

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- **5:45pm, Youth Group Rock Wall Climbing, Highlands Sports Cntr**

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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.



Join Us!  
We're opening the gate, cutting  
the ribbon,  
& hitting the court  
on our completed recreation area!

Monday, May 13th

4:00 to 4:30

Behind the Chapel

129½-18th Street

Call for info: 304-232-2630