

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **Day of Pentecost**

May 19, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Acts 2:1-21 ~ Psalm 104:24-34

Romans 8:22-27 ~ John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**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

*We Are Standing on Holy Ground, GtG 406*

CALL to WORSHIP (based on Acts 2:1-4)

**Liturgist:** All together in one place;

**All: they heard the rush of a violent wind;**

**Liturgist:** it filled the entire house.

**All: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;**

**Liturgist:** they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

**Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.**

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit, GtG 66*

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

**Leader:** God's Spirit has gathered us for worship. Let us confess our sins and return to God.

**All: Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kin-dom\* to come.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

*Spirit of the Living God, GtG 288*

DECLARATION OF PARDON (Acts 2:21)

**Leader:** "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed.

**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      *On Pentecost They Gathered, GtG 289*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

#### **The ANTHEM**

*O Love*

by Elaine Hagenberg

*Please refer to GtG 833,*

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go,*

especially verses 1 and 3,

George Matheson (1842-1906).

Susanna Reilly, cello

#### **The SCRIPTURE**

#### **HEBREW TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 104:24-34

#### **NEWER TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 2:1-21

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

#### **MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Erica L. Harley

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

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Nicene Creed)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION      *Breathe on Me, Breath of God, GtG 286*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** God's Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

**The OFFERTORY**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Arranged for HANDBELLS by John A. Behnke

Based on the Hymn Tune ST. ANNE

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.; Music: Attr. William Croft, 1708

*Please refer to GtG 687.*

Dr. Gail Looney, flute; Susanna Reilly, cello

⌘ 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

**You have blessed each of us with gifts to serve and share, Most Generous God. May the offerings we present today be used to further your kin-dom\* and build your beloved community. 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

*For Everyone Born*, **GtG 769**

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ 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.

\*The word kin-dom was introduced to theological studies in the 1970's by Cuban-American theologian Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, who developed the concept as an inclusive way to talk about the reign of community and companionship. Kin-dom means the reality of God's power moving in and through us, bringing liberation and opens up spaces where love invites us into deep kinship with one another.

## *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 April 2024 receipts to the congregational general operating budget were \$38,540. Expenses for April 2024 were \$53,535. Building maintenance costs were \$6,572 for utilities and \$13,237 for various repairs and maintenance.*
- *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.*
- *Vance Church T-Shirts are again available for purchase. See the sign-up in the Narthex.*
- *We thank Gail Looney for serving as liturgist today.*

# Vance Calendar

Week of May 19, 2024 through May 26, 2024

## 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**

## Mon. May 20

- 7am, Woodsdale School Program, Fellowship Hall
- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, NA Room
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Room
- 2:00pm, Ohio County Food Security Team Meeting, ZOOM
- **4:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Step Study, Wheeler Room**

## Tue. May 21

## Wed. May 22

- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall
- **7pm, Mission Commission Meeting, Squibb Room**
- 7pm, Jr. League, Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

## Thur. May 23

- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Soup & Bread, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**  
**Testimony from Clarksburg Baptist's Bonita Totten**
- **6:30pm, PEO Meeting, Robbie Clarke Room**

## Fri. May 24

## Sat. May 25

- **Kidz Morning Out, Pittsburgh Zoo**
- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

## Sun. May 26

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **6pm, Youth Group Laser Tag, Tilt**
- 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.