

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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7th Sunday of Easter

Memorial Sunday ~ Communion

June 1, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Acts 16:16-34 ~ Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 ~ John 17:20-26

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

NARTHEX PRELUDE

STRING QUARTET

Ben Podolski and Laura Grube, violins

Derek Pavlic, viola

Dr. Molly Williams, cello

CHIMES

~ LET THE CHILDREN COME ~

FANFARE PROCESSIONAL

OHIO VALLEY BRASS QUINTET

John E. Leonard and Justin Schwertfeger, trumpets

Lara Cline, French Horn

Jerid Withers, trombone

Dr. Alan Cline, tuba

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: We come to this place of prayer,

**All: for here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears
and the doubts we dare wear on our sleeves.**

Leader: We come to this place of grace,

**All: for here we learn compassion and joy, and discover how deeply
we are loved.**

Leader: We come with these people called the church,

All: to be blessed by a variety of gifts, to live as one for our God.

OPENING PRAYER

**In your presence, Creator of the Universe, mountains melt into
muddy puddles and stars whisper your name to us. Confident in that
love which was yours before the world began spinning, you came to
walk the dusty path of death. Spirit of Blessing, like a crossing guard
you keep your eyes on us as we cross the busy streets of life, ready
to pull us out of the way of oncoming sin. You take us by the hand
to lead us to the shade of the tree of life. God in Community, Holy in
One, make us one Body from many individuals, as we pray as Jesus
teaches us, saying, 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.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE *We Are One in the Spirit, GtG 300*
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Encountering God's Word

~ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ~

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

The ANTHEM

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Text by Fred Pratt Green; Hymn Tune ENGELBERG by Charles V. Stanford

Arranged by Mary McDonald

Please refer to GtG 641.

The SCRIPTURE

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Acts 16:16-34

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, GtG 306

GOSPEL READING:

John 17:20-26

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

The SERVICE of REMEMBRANCE

2015: Gordon Downie, Mary Jane Hopkins, Nancy Monroe, Mary Ellen Robinson, Lloyd Smith

2016: Brent Bush, Betty Campbell, Ruth Hare, Carol Maxwell, Linda Morrison, Daniel Naranch, Linda Peterson, Alice Trapp

2017: Francina Arsenault, Stephanie Bloch, Stuart Bloch, A.J. Gray, Kenneth Kline, Doris Medick, Ireta Tebay, Margaret Tebay, Dick Wyatt

2018: Virginia Bailes, Charlie Hare

2019: Edna May Barger, Peggy Bates, Frank Bush, Priscilla Butler, Sally Ezell, Mary Hudnall, Jesse McHenry, Jay Parmar

2020: Wileta Bell, Martha Kelley, William Maxwell, Jane McCamic

2021: Deborah Cox, Ned George, Donald Hendrickson, Thomas Monroe

2022: Dorothy Albasin, Virginia Dulany, Marilyn Phyllis, Elizabeth Provance

2023: Floretta Frame, Elizabeth Holden, Nina McHenry, Bettie Steele

2024: Winona Beneke, Martha Strasser

2025: Patricia Emblen

⌘INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: We believe in a God who provides abundantly for our needs. In gratitude, let us share a portion of what we have been given, for the work of this community and the benefit of our neighbors. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

Presented by VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY

Salvation Is Created

No. 5 of *Ten Communion Hymns*, Op. 25

Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944), Based on Psalm 74

"Salvation is created,
in midst of the earth,
O God, O our God. Alleluia."

⌘DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*, **GtG 606**

Presented first by VANCE HANDBELL CHOIR

from "Genevan Psalter"

Arranged for HANDBELLS by Charles Maggs

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

Provider God, we give you thanks for all your good gifts to us: for work and rest, for creativity and play, for this community in which to practice our faith together. Take these offerings we bring today and use them to meet the needs of those around us. May our work and witness reflect our belief in your compassionate care for us and for all you have created. In Christ's name we pray. 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 GtG 552. **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.

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 GtG 553. 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 GtG 554: Amen. 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

Selections from *Shepherd Songs* by Joel Raney
Meditations based on Psalm 23
Dr. Gail Looney, Flute

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 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow, GtG 661*
Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Will Take Care of You,*
Celebration Hymnal 692, Refrain
God will take care of you, Thro' every day, o'er all the way.
He will take care of you; God will take care of you.

⌘ POSTLUDE OHIO VALLEY BRASS QUINTET

⌘ 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 Thom M. Shuman.

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 Karen Seabright for serving as liturgist today.
- Chancel flowers donated in memory of all who have gone before us.
- Next Sunday, June 08, 2025, is our Outdoor Worship and Pot Luck Lunch at Hess Shelter in Oglebay Park. **Worship at 11am and lunch at noon.** Chicken, drinks and utensils will be supplied. Cupcakes will be present for dessert. Everyone please bring a covered dish.

- Next week is as follows:
 - Greeter is Denise Williamson
 - Ushers are Drew Seabright, Russ Green, Tom John, Andy Barger, Roger Cain
 - Liturgist is Drew Seabright
 - Welcome Center Volunteer is Rowena Baker

Vance Calendar

Week of June 01, 2025 through June 08, 2025

Sun. Jun. 01 Memorial Sunday

- **10am, Communion Worship Service, Sanctuary**

Mon. Jun. 02

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- 1pm, UOVP Presbytery Peacemaking Committee, *General Presbyter's Office*
- **5pm, New Believers' Bible Study, Merriman Chapel**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*

Tue. Jun. 03

- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*

Wed. Jun. 04

- **4:30pm, Building & Property Commission Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- **6:15pm, EF&M Commission Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thur. Jun. 05

- 3pm, UOVP Executive Round Table, *UOVP Resource Center*
- 4pm, Every Body Dances, *Fellowship Hall*
- 4:30pm, Vets with Guitars, *Merriman Chapel*
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**
- 6:30pm, UOVP Committee on Ministry, ZOOM

Fri. Jun. 06

- **7pm, Organ Concert, Sanctuary**

Sat. Jun. 07

- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *2nd Floor Chapel*

Sun. Jun. 08

- **11am, Outdoor Worship Service and Pot Luck Lunch, Oglebay Hess Shelter**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke 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.

|                      | <b>ELDERS</b>     |                     |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2025</b>          | <b>2026</b>       | <b>2027</b>         |
| John Looney          | Elaine Strauch    | Jeanne Finstein (2) |
| Frank Provance (2)   | Zach Abraham      | Diane Crowl (2)     |
| Karen Seabright      | Scott Winters     | Amber Green         |
| Howard Monroe (2)    | Jill Flanagan     | Sue Abraham         |
|                      | <b>DEACONS</b>    |                     |
| <b>2025</b>          | <b>2026</b>       | <b>2027</b>         |
| Denise Williamson    | Janice Carenbauer | Audrey Abraham (2)  |
| Jennifer Shearer (2) | Cheryl Joseph     | Jane Hare (2)       |
| Andy Barger (2)      | Roger Cain (2)    | Joanne Winters      |
| Chase Burdick        | Alan Cline (2)    | Rowena Baker        |

**The PASTOR and CHURCH STAFF**

**Rev. Erica L. Harley ~ Senior Pastor**

**Janice Carenbauer ~ Church Office Administrator**

**Deborah Podolski Breiding ~ Director of Music**

**Jay Carenbauer ~ Head Custodian**

**Chaz Erazmus ~ Custodian**

**Keith Wilson ~ Sound, Video, and Media Coordinator**

**Michelle Harriman ~ Nursery Coordinator**

**~ MINISTERS of the CHURCH: ALL MEMBERS ~**

**MISSION PERSONNEL of OUR DIRECT CONCERN**

**Caleb and Claire (Seabright) Bermudez**



## AN EVENING OF MUSIC & CELEBRATION

New York tenor Edward Washington II joins forces with organist Robert Troeger for a unique presentation of music inclusive of arias, spirituals, song cycles, organ rags, and symphonic organ masterpieces.



**JUNE 6, 2025**



**7:00PM**



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