

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

January 13, 2019 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

**Isaiah 43:1-7 ~ Psalm 29**

**Acts 8:14-17 ~ Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

The MISSION of  
Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)  
is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ  
with everyone through Worship, Prayer,  
Education, Fellowship, and Mission Outreach.

# **Gathering around God's Word**

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

*Of the Father's Love Begotten, GtG 108, v. 1,3 & 4*

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the fellowship pad to the inside aisle.

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

**People: and in the temple God's people say: Glory!**

Leader: The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

**People: and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.**

Leader: Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

**People: I have called you by name; you are mine.**

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE      *I Will Come to You, GtG 177*

CONFESSION and time of self-examination

Leader: The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**All: Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

*Spirit of the Living God, GtG 288*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father, GtG 581*

⌘ PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

**Encountering God's Word**

⌘ SONG for ILLUMINATION

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart, GtG 688*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Jane

The ANTHEM

*Wade in the Water*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL arranged by Mark Hayes

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTMENT READING:

Isaiah 43:1-7

NEWER TESTMENT READING:

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

**Responding to God's Word**

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967

**9.51 By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to men and women in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It**

**commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound us to God's very self. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism.**

⌘ **SONG of AFFIRMATION** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*, **GtG 408**

⌘ **INVITATION to the OFFERING**

Leader: From the fullness of God we have all received grace upon grace. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

### **THE OFFERTORY**

*In Moments of Quiet*

Words by Jonathan Martin

Music by Victor C. Johnson

⌘ **DOXOLOGY**

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

⌘ **PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**All: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love: through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry*, **GtG 96**

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE                      VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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**The PASTOR and CHURCH STAFF**

- Rev. Erica L. Harley ~ Senior Pastor**
- Jane Schockey ~ Church Administrator/C.E. Director**
- Deborah Podolski Breiding ~ Director of Music**
- Russ Brown ~ Head Custodian**
- Jay Carenbauer ~ Custodian**
- Keith Wilson ~ Sound, Video, and Media Coordinator**
- Christina Kestner ~ Seminary Intern**

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

<b>SESSION</b>		
2019	2020	2021
Beth Ann Dague	John Hargleroad	Linda Dudash
Ted Owens	Rowena Baker	Michelle John
Geri Sloane	Jill Flanagan	Bob Kanters
Scott Winters	Bettie Steele	Drew Seabright
<b>DEACONS</b>		
2019	2020	2021
Ann Bopp	Diane Crowl	Kathy Hannan
Marjorie Easton	Russ Green	Tom John
Carol Myers	Janet Hart	Mark Kenamond
Karen Seabright	Joelle Oliver	Joanne Winters



# AdVanced News Weekly

- Good Morning! Please fill-out, sign and pass the Pew Pad to fellow worshippers and place it in the pew rack near the center aisle. Please place today's slip in the offering plate as it passes.
- We thank Joanne Winters for serving as our liturgist in worship.
- The next meeting of the Session is Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7pm in the Squibb Room.
- The deadline to submit Annual Reports to the church office is Monday, January 14, 2019.
- The Service of Ordination and Installation of Church officers will be Sunday January 20, 2019 at 10am worship. Elders to be ordained and/or installed are Rowena Baker, Linda Dudash, Michelle John, Bob Kanters, and Drew Seabright. Deacons to be ordained and/or installed are Kathy Hannan, Tom John, Mark Kenamond, and Joanne Winters.
- The deadline to submit February AdVanced News Articles is Friday, January 25, 2019
- The Deacons will be collecting warm winter socks for adult male and female feet now through Sunday January 27, 2019. Please bring two socks so folks will have a pair, since most humans have two feet. The deacons will deliver these to the winter freeze shelter of Youth Services Systems.
- Please save the date of Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 11am for the Annual Congregational Meeting. This meeting is called by Session in accordance of the bylaws
- On Tuesday, January 29th, 2019 beginning at 5pm, Vance Church will be packing weekend food bags at the House of the Carpenter for Madison Elementary School Students. If you want to volunteer for our January Shift, contact Erica or Jane today.
- Offering Envelopes for the 2019 giving year are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up today!
- Every member is encouraged to pay his/her per capita for 2019 in the amount of \$29.50.