

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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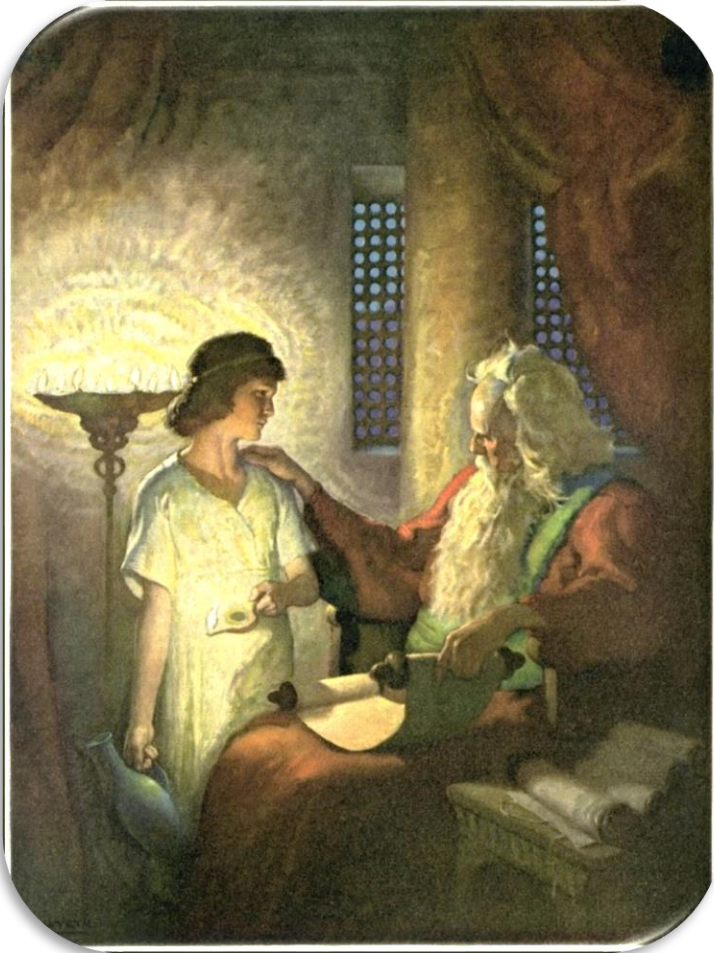
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Second Sunday after Epiphany

Season of Epiphany

January 14, 2018 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20) ~ Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

1 Cor. 6:12-20 ~ John 1:43-51

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, PH 356

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Words and Music by Thomas A. Dorsey; Choral Setting by Jack Schrader
For Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and referencing **PH 404**

OPENING PRAYER unison

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will
disappear. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to
see; open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine! In the name of
Jesus Christ the Living Word we pray; Amen.

CALL to WORSHIP responsively ~from Psalm 85

Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your
salvation.

**All: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will
speak peace to his people, to his saints, to those who turn to
him in their hearts.**

Leader: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who honor
him. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet, righteousness and
peace will kiss each other.

**All: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will
speak peace to his people, to his saints, to those who turn to
him in their hearts.**

OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Lord, Speak to me, That I May Speak, PH 426

CONFESSION and time of Self-examination responsively

Leader: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you call us to be a servant
people.

**All: You call, but too often we do not hear; and if we hear
we are prone not to listen; and if we listen we may not
respond.**

Leader: We ourselves have been silent when we should speak,
and useless when we could be useful.

**All: Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from
sin. Teach us to hear your call and to obey it gladly.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

And all of God's children say: **Amen!**

SUNG RESPONSE

Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord, PH 195 vv. 1,5,7

DECLARATION OF PARDON responsively ~ from Psalm 51

Leader: Hear the Good News: There is no condemnation for those
who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ has set us
free from the law of sin and death.

**All: We believe the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we
are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!**

 GLORIA PATRI

 PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST

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

 SONG of PREPARATION

Amen, GtG 600

Encountering God's Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION unison

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
By your Holy Spirit, open our minds that we may be led in your
truth and taught your will. Then may we praise you by listening
to your Word and by obeying it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Go Back to Bed
Miss Jane

The CHORAL ANTHEM

Search Me, O God

Lyrics by Joy Sherman; Music by Lloyd Larson
Based on Psalm 139

3 ¹⁻³ The boy Samuel was serving GOD under Eli's direction. This was at a time when the revelation of GOD was rarely heard or seen. One night Eli was sound asleep (his eyesight was very bad—he could hardly see). It was well before dawn; the sanctuary lamp was still burning. Samuel was still in bed in the Temple of GOD, where the Chest of God rested.

4-5 Then GOD called out, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel answered, "Yes? I'm here." Then he ran to Eli saying, "I heard you call. Here I am."

Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." And so he did.

6-7 GOD called again, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel got up and went to Eli, "I heard you call. Here I am."

Again Eli said, "Son, I didn't call you. Go back to bed." (This all happened before Samuel knew GOD for himself. It was before the revelation of GOD had been given to him personally.)

8-9 GOD called again, "Samuel!"—the third time! Yet again Samuel got up and went to Eli, "Yes? I heard you call me. Here I am."

That's when it dawned on Eli that GOD was calling the boy. So Eli directed Samuel, "Go back and lie down. If the voice calls again, say, 'Speak, GOD. I'm your servant, ready to listen.'" Samuel returned to his bed.

10 Then GOD came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Samuel answered, "Speak. I'm your servant, ready to listen."

11-14 GOD said to Samuel, "Listen carefully. I'm getting ready to do something in Israel that is going to shake everyone up and get their attention. The time has come for me to bring down on Eli's family everything I warned him of, every last word of it. I'm letting him know that the time's up. I'm bringing judgment on his family for good. He knew what was going on, that his sons were desecrating God's name and God's place, and he did nothing to stop them. This is my sentence on the family of Eli: The evil of Eli's family can never be wiped out by sacrifice or offering."

15 Samuel stayed in bed until morning, then rose early and went about his duties, opening the doors of the sanctuary, but he dreaded having to tell the vision to Eli.

16 But then Eli summoned Samuel: "Samuel, my son!"

Samuel came running: "Yes? What can I do for you?"

17 "What did he say? Tell it to me, all of it. Don't suppress or soften one word, as God is your judge! I want it all, word for word as he said it to you."

18 So Samuel told him, word for word. He held back nothing.

Eli said, "He is GOD. Let him do whatever he thinks best."

19-21 Samuel grew up. GOD was with him, and Samuel's prophetic record was flawless. Everyone in Israel, from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south, recognized that Samuel was the real thing—a true prophet of GOD. GOD continued to show up at Shiloh, revealed through his word to Samuel at Shiloh.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

How Do You Know It's God?

Pastor Bob Willits

Responding to God's Word

OFFERING AND DEDICATION PRAYER unison

~from Romans 12, *The Message*

Lord, we know what you want us to do: to take everything, ordinary life – our sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking-around life – and place it before you as an offering. You have given us your best. Now in deep gratitude we give our best to you. We are the body of Christ; it is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY SONG *Jesus Paid It All, GtG 740*

DOXOLOGY

MORNING PRAYER & OUR LORD'S PRAYER unison

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 *Guide My Feet, PH 354*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen, GtG 600*

POSTLUDE

 Please stand if able.

PH=Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue);

CH=Celebration Hymnal (Red)

GTG=Glory to God (screen or insert)

**10:00 a.m. Service of Worship regularly broadcast over
WKWK-FM 97.3**

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SESSION

2018	2019	2020
Jay Frey	Beth Ann Dague	John Hargleroad
Howard Monroe	Ted Owen	Phil Polack
Carol Obermann	Geri Sloane	Jill Flanagan
Michelle John	Scott Winters	Bettie Steele

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2018	2019	2020
Kathy Hannan	Ann Bopp	Diane Crowl
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Joanne Winters	Karen Seabright	Joelle Oliver

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Caleb & Claire (Seabright) Bermudez

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Russ Brown ~ Head Custodian

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