

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

January 21, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 ~ Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 ~ Mark 1:14-20

**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

*Change My Heart, O God, GtG 695*

CALL to WORSHIP

**Liturgist:** Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions. God calls us here to worship.

**All: We are here to worship.**

**Liturgist:** Drop your nets and leave your boats. God is with us. Jesus calls us.

**All: We are here to worship.**

**Liturgist:** Let us worship God together.

OPENING PRAYER

**God who creates us and calls to us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to hear your Word, and embolden us to respond faithfully as we seek to follow Jesus Christ. Amen.**

✠OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*Jesus Calls Us, GtG 720*

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

**Leader:** Jesus calls to us: change your hearts and change your lives! Repent, and believe the good news. The mercy and forgiveness we have already received enables us to be honest about the places in our lives in need of transformation. Let us confess our sin together.

**All: God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh. We have gotten comfortable in our categories: haves and have-nots, makers and takers, bigots and bystanders, self-starters and subordinates, law-abiders and illegals, the perpetrators and the innocent. We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and exploitation. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries. Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Call to us again, and show us your mercy. Let us hear your good news again.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Lead Me, Lord, The Celebration Hymnal #695*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Your righteousness;  
Make Your way plain before my face.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Leader:** God desires relationship with us, and reconciliation for all of creation. Jesus comes bearing the good news of forgiveness and

transformation. Receive the good news of God's grace: 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

*The Summons, GtG 726*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

#### **The ANTHEM**

*Lord of the Dance*

Words by Sydney Carter

19<sup>th</sup> Century Shaker Tune

Adapted by Sydney Carter

Choral Setting by Don Hart

*Please refer to GtG 157.*

#### **The SCRIPTURE**

**HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:**

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

**NEWER TESTAMENT READING:**

**Mark 1:14-20**

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

#### **MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Erica L. Harley

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

### **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

⌘ APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.**

## ⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** With open hearts and open hands, we let go of the things that possess us, we offer our gifts to God, and we dedicate our lives in service to Jesus Christ. Freely we have received, now freely let us give.

### The OFFERTORY

#### *Jesus Is the Song*

Words and Music by David Danner

Arranged by Mary McDonald

My Savior is the Lord and King,  
He has control of ev'tything,  
He loves me, and He bids me sing,  
He gives His song to me.

He calms my hurts and dries my tears,  
He gives me strength to face my fears,  
He sends His grace through all my years,  
He gives His song to me.

Jesus is the song of life,  
Jesus is the song of joy,  
Jesus is the song of love;  
Jesus gives His song to me.

My Savior, Jesus, I'll adore,  
my weary soul He will restore,  
I'll praise His name forevermore,  
He'll give His song to me.

He is the song of life,  
He is the song of joy,  
He is the song of love!  
Jesus is the song!

## ⌘ 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

**Holy God, change our hearts and our lives. Renew us by your good news. Use the gifts we bring for your holy work of transformation, as we seek to go where Jesus leads us. 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                      *Trust and Obey*, **Celebration Hymnal 571**

⌘ 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 Stephanie Sorge 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 December 2023 receipts from the membership equaled \$42,264. The Church's expenses for December 2023 were \$70,982. As examples of the cost of maintaining our building, the latest American Electric Power invoice paid in 2023 was \$2,585.83 and for the same period \$1,421.85 for Mountaineer Gas.
- Giving Envelopes for 2024 are available in the Narthex. Please see Janice with any questions.
- We thank Karen DiOrio for serving as liturgist today.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 11am in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend.

# Vance Calendar

Week of January 21, 2024 through January 28, 2024

## Sun. Jan. 21

- **9am, Adult Bible Study, "The Chosen", Potter Chapel**
- **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**
- 2pm, Memorial Service, Merriman Chapel
- 3pm, Memorial Service Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm, Wash. Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, Robbie Clarke Rm

## Mon. Jan. 22

- **12pm, Christian Education Commission Meeting, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Room
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms

## Tue. Jan. 23

- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, Squibb Room
- 7pm, Boy Scouts Troop 6 Meeting, Fellowship Hall

## Wed. Jan. 24

- **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. Jan. 25

- 5pm, YWCA Nurturing Parenting Program, Fellowship Hall
- **6pm, Celebrate Recovery Planning Team Meeting, Squibb Room**
- **6:30pm, PEO Meeting, Robbie Clarke Room**

## Fri. Jan. 26

## Sat. Jan. 27

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

## Sun. Jan. 28

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **9am, Adult "The Chosen" Study, Potter Chapel**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11am, Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Adult "The Chosen" Study, Squibb 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.