

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021 ▪ 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

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

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

In Silence My Soul Thirsts, GtG 790

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: From God comes my salvation.

All: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

Liturgist: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

All: God is my fortress: I shall never be shaken.

OPENING PRAYER

The present form of this world is passing away. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord, for the true power and steadfast love belong to you. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Jesus Calls Us, GtG 720

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

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God.

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Lead Me, Lord

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

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life.

All: Thanks be to God. 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

You Walk along Our Shoreline, GtG 170

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The ANTHEM

Lord of the Dance

19th Century Shaker Tune

Adapted by Sydney Carter

Please refer to GtG 157.

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW BIBLE READING:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

GOSPEL 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

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's 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.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore, GtG 721

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

Softly and Tenderly

Words and Music by Will Thompson

Setting by Joel Raney

Please refer to GtG 418.

⌘ 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

Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people. 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

The Summons, GtG 726

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

Church Members, please join us for the congregational meeting after the worship service.

⌘ 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

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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. Radio 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
- If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the friendship pad in the pew rack so that we may obtain your contact information. Members need not fill out the friendship pads until the pandemic precautions have passed.
- Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Inquire with an usher and they will assist you.
- Masks, glove, and hand sanitizer is available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.
- Attendance in worship last Sunday was 43.
- Giving for the month of December was \$29,697.00.
- DEACON YSS SOCK COLLECTION DRIVE. The Deacons would like to ask the congregation to donate warm, adult-sized socks for the Winter Freeze Shelter at Youth Services System in January. This is one way we can help those less fortunate than us. We are asking for new **warm** adult-sized socks; not fashion socks and not ankle socks. This collection drive will take place during the month of January. Please place your donation of adult-sized socks in one of our collection boxes. Thank you. *"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed."*

-Proverbs 19:17
- Please save the date of Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11am for the Annual Congregational Meeting in the church sanctuary. Meeting called by the Session in accordance with our bylaws.
- 2021 Offering Envelopes are at the welcome center in the Narthex. Please take your box.
- Correction from Last week's bulletin: "Chancel flowers have been given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Betty Campbell and Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Ferguson Amos by Dr. Robert Campbell & Susan McClain and their families."