

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
January 26, 2020 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Isaiah 9:1-4 ~ **Psalm 27:1-9**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 ~ Matthew 4:12-23

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**

## HYMN PRELUDE

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*  
*Please see lyrics on the screen.*  
*(choir and congregation will sing)*

## CHIMES

## GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PREPARATION for WORSHIP

*Jesus Calls Us*  
**GtG 720**  
*(choir and congregation will sing)*

## CALL to WORSHIP

**Leader:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—**

**Leader:** on them light has shined.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**God, our light and our salvation, Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men. Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## ⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore, GtG 721*

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

**Leader:** Let us confess our sins before God, the source of our freedom and forgiveness.

**All: Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.**

## SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us, GtG 575*

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Leader:** God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy.

**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 for ILLUMINATION

*We Are Marching in the Light of God, GtG 853*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Jane

*(Preschool children are now excused to the Church Nursery)*

## The ANTHEM

*How Great Is Our God*

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves

Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

How great is our God!

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty:  
let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice!  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
it trembles at his voice, it trembles at his voice!

*REFRAIN:* How great is our God!  
Sing with me, how great is our God!  
And all will see now great,  
how great is our God!

Age to age he stands, and time is in his hands,  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *REFRAIN...*

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to thee!  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
(Quote from *How Great Thou Art*, S. K. Hine)

The SCRIPTURE  
HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Psalm 27:1-9

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

**MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Dr. William G. McCoy

*House Hunting*

**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

*O God, You Are My God*

*Step by Step, GtG 743*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

God, the source of all good things, has given us what we need. In joyful response, let us offer our gifts, the fruit of our labors, and the dedication of our hearts for loving service in the name of Christ.

*(congregation may be seated)*

**The OFFERTORY**

*Softly and Tenderly*

Words and Music by Will L. 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

**God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord.**

**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

*From the Nets of Our Labors  
We Will Rise Up and Follow, **GtG 751***

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

**GtG**=Glory to God Hymnal

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<b>SESSION</b>		
2020	2021	2022
John Hargleroad	Karen DiOrio	Lynne Exley
Rowena Baker	Michelle John (2)	Ted Owens (2)
Jill Flanagan (2)	Bob Kanters (2)	Frank Provance
Bettie Steele (2)	Drew Seabright	Jim Squibb
<b>DEACONS</b>		
2020	2021	2022
Diane Crawl (2)	Kathy Hannan (2)	Kathy Baker
Russ Green (2)	Tom John	Andy Barger
Janet Hart (2)	Kevin Miller	Don Dague
Joelle Oliver	Joanne Winters (2)	Danna Tyska

**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 for Outreach & Community Service**

**Kimberly Wolfe ~ Nursery Attendant**

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

**MISSION PERSONNEL of OUR DIRECT CONCERN**

Caleb and Claire (Seabright) Bermudez

<b>COMMISSIONS</b>	<b>ELDER MEMBERS</b>
Building and Property	Jim Squibb, John Hargleroad, Drew Seabright
Christian Education	Jill Flanagan and Bettie Steele
Evangelism, Fellowship, & Membership	John Hargleroad, Michelle John, Bob Kanters, and Karen DiOrio
Mission Outreach & Community Service	Michelle John, Karen DiOrio and Rowena Baker
Worship & Music	Bob Kanters, Lynne Exley, and Bettie Steele
<b>COMMITTEES</b>	<b>ELDER MEMBERS</b>
Nominating	Rowena Baker and Michelle John
Personnel	Drew Seabright and Jim Squibb
Stewardship, Finance & Memorial	Frank Provance
<b>DEACON LEADERS</b>	Diane Crawl and Janet Hart
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