

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

January 28, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 ~ Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 ~ Mark 1:21-28

**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

*Awesome God, GtG 616*

CALL to WORSHIP (from Psalm 111)

**Liturgist:** Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

**All: Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.**

**Liturgist:** Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

**All: You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies, GtG 662*

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

**Leader:** Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

**All: Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful, GtG 654*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Leader:** Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy. This is good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

⌘ 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

*Healer of Our Every Ill, GtG 795*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

**The ANTHEM**

*Mighty to Save*

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Choral Setting by Patrick Tierney

Everyone needs compassion,  
a love that's never failing,  
let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness,  
the kindness of a Savior,  
the Hope of the nations.

*REFRAIN:* Savior, He can move the mountains!  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!

Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures,  
fill my life again, I give my life to follow,  
everything I believe in, now I surrender.

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give.  
I will ever love and trust Him; in His presence daily live.

I give my all to follow Jesus.  
I surrender all. Now I surrender.

Shine Your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King. *REFRAIN...*

**The SCRIPTURE**

**HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:**

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

**NEWER TESTAMENT READING:**

**Mark 1:21-28**

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

**MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Erica L. Harley

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

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from Colossians 1:15-20)

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION     *Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit, GtG 181*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

### **The OFFERTORY**

#### *When Peace Shall Come*

Words by John Jacobson and John Purifoy

Music based on an English Folktune

Arranged by John Purifoy

When peace shall come like early spring, a misting calm o'er ev'rything.  
Sweet breath of hope from ev'ryone, we dream of days when peace shall come.

Our hungry hearts will find the bread, our starving souls shall all be fed.  
The lost are found, and the captive, free. Let justice reign, let blind eyes see.

When we all turn our swords and spears into the plough and tools for peace,  
Ah! only then will our hearts find rest, and only then, our trials cease.

I dream a day, when peace shall come.

⌘ 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

**O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. 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      *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak, GtG 722*

⌘ 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 John Wurster 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.
- Attendance in worship last Sunday was 83.
- 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.
- We thank Jeanne Finstein for serving as liturgist today.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today, after the Worship Service, in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend.

# Vance Calendar

Week of January 28, 2024 through February 04, 2024

## Sun. Jan. 28

- **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***
- **11am, Annual Congregational Meeting, *Sanctuary***
- **11:15am, Adult Bible Study, *The Chosen, Squibb Room***
- **6pm, Youth Group, *Robbie Clarke Room***

## Mon. Jan. 29

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, *Fellowship Hall*

## Tue. Jan. 30

- **12pm, House of The Carpenter, Pack the Bags, *House of The Carpenter***
- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Boy Scouts Troop 6 Meeting, *Fellowship Hall*

## Wed. Jan. 31

- **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. Feb. 01

- 3pm, UOVP Executive Round Table, *UOVP Resource Center*
- **4:30pm, Building & Property Commission, *Wheeler Room***
- 5pm, YWCA Nurturing Parenting Program, *Fellowship Hall*
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Soup & Bread, *Robbie Clarke Room***
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, *Merriman Chapel, Library, Davis Study, Narthex***
- 6:30pm, UOVP Committee on Ministry, *ZOOM*

## Fri. Feb. 02

## Sat. Feb. 03

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

## Sun. Feb. 04

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, *CE Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor***
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, *Robbie Clarke Room***
- **9am, Adult Bible Study, *The Chosen, Potter Chapel***
- **10am, Communion Worship Service/Scout Sunday, *Sanctuary***
- **11:15am, Adult Bible Study, *The Chosen, Squibb Room***
- 6pm, Wash. Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke Rm*

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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.