

# VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

February 02, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Jeremiah 1:4-10 ~ Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ~ Luke 4:21-30

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

*LET THE CHILDREN COME*

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

**Liturgist:** Love is patient.

**All: Love is kind.**

**Liturgist:** Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**All: Love does not insist on its own way.**

**Liturgist:** Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

**All: Love rejoices in the truth.**

**Liturgist:** Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**All: Love never ends.**

**Liturgist:** Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

OPENING PRAYER

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never-ending. Enable us to love you with all our hearts and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench, GtG 162*

CONFESSION and time of self-examination (based on Psalm 71:1-6)

*(congregation may be seated)*

**Leader:** The Lord is our hope and our trust, our refuge and our fortress. With confidence born out of faith in God's power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin.

**All: Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty. Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

## SUNG RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy, GtG 551*

### DECLARATION OF PARDON (based on 1 Corinthians 13:7)

Leader: Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

Liturgist: God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace! May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

### ⌘ 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

*Where Charity and Love Prevail, GtG 316*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

### **THE ANTHEM**

#### *Gospel of Grace*

Arranged with New Music by Mary McDonald

Please refer to **GtG 649**.

...He took the cross to Calvary; with His own blood, He ransomed me.

There, on the cross, He took my place!

This is the gospel of grace. This is the gospel of grace.

Amazing grace!

Grace, grace, God's grace that will pardon and cleanse within:

grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all, all our sin.

### **The SCRIPTURE**

#### **HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

#### **NEWER TESTAMENT READING:**

Luke 4:21-30

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      *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, GtG 291*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING (based on 1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

**Leader:** For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. All that is, all that was, and all there will be belongs to God. Let us now return to God in part what is God's in whole. (*congregation may be seated*)

### **THE OFFERTORY**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

CLOSER WALK,

Traditional Spiritual/North American Hymn

Vocal Solo arranged by Joel Raney

Presented by Hayden Heiserman

*Please refer to GtG 835.*

⌘ 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 (based on Jeremiah 1:4-10)

**Holy One, you are the giver of our lives. You know us completely, and you accept from us no weak excuses. Take these gifts, offered from our labors, our commitments, and our collections of interest. Transform them from temporal potential into your love at work in this tired world that thirsts for your Word. Amen.** (*congregation may be seated*)

## **The SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Leader:** This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the

Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

### Great Thanksgiving

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Leader:** Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful. Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

**All Sing:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

### Words of Institution

**Leader:** We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you and for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

**Leader:** Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Sing: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Leader:** Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**All Sing: Amen, amen, amen.**

**All please join in singing.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

**Our Father, which 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, Amen.**

**Leader:** Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Jesus also said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst. The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of Cup

#### Communion of the People

#### Prayer after Communion

**Leader:** God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds

⌘ CLOSING HYMN

*Take My Life, GtG 697*

⌘ 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 Walter Canter and provided for free distribution by *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2025.

# 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](https://facebook.com/VancePresbyterian). Remote listeners can go to [vancechurch.org](https://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.
- We thank Michelle John for serving as liturgist today.
- For the year ended December 31, 2024 the congregation supported the Church with contributions of \$307,584 which includes Tithes, Offerings, Woodsdale School, Food Pantry, Organ, Special Music and other gifts. For the same year, expenses to support the operations of the Church were \$784,500. The excess of expenses over contributions was withdrawn from the endowment funds in the form of interest, dividends and principal.
- In 2024 the congregation received approximately \$10,000 in online giving. This remains a convenient way to turn in your tithes and offerings.
- Do you know how easy, safe, and convenient it is to use our new E-giving for your tithe or offering? Very easy indeed! Just go to the church website [www.vancechurch.org](https://www.vancechurch.org) and click on the "GIVE" button on the front page. A new page will "pop-up" with a giving form you can fill out with your offering amount and payment method. You can make one-time gifts or set-up recurring gifts that will automatically withdraw from your bank account. Tithing is the foundation of giving and E-giving makes it easy to give whenever the Holy Spirit moves you toward generosity.
- Next week is as follows:
  - Greeter is Joanne Winters
  - Ushers are Drew Seabright, Russ Green, Tom John, Andy Barger, Roger Cain
  - Liturgist is Gail Looney

# Vance Calendar

Week of February 02, 2025 through February 09, 2025

## Sunday, February 02

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C. E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Communion Worship Service/Scout Sunday, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke Room*

## Monday, February 03

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- 1pm, UOVP Peacemaking Committee, *General Presbyters Office*
- 1pm, YWCA Lunch & Learn, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall, C. E. Classrooms, Primary Chapel, Potter Chapel*

## Tuesday, February 04

- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, *Fellowship Hall*
- 4pm, Susan Eison Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000 Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

## Wednesday, February 05

- **4:30pm, Building & Property Commission Meeting, Wheeler Rm**
- **5pm, Pack the Woodsdale School Food Bags, Robbie Clarke Rm**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *C.E. Chapel*
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Room*

## Thursday, February 06

- UOVP Executive Round Table, *UOVP Resource Center*
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**
- UOVP Committee on Ministry, *ZOOM*

## Friday, February 07

- 5pm, Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby Set-Up, *Fellowship Hall*

## Saturday, February 08

- 8am, Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, *Fellowship Hall*
- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

## Sunday, February 09

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**

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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.