

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Scout Sunday ▪ COMMUNION**

February 3, 2019 ▪ 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 21-30**

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.

PLEDGING THE FLAGS  
Boy Scout Color Guard

**Gathering around God's Word**

HYMN PROCESSIONAL  
*Here in This Place, GtG 401*

CHIMES

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

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Our hope is in God all of our lives.

**People: God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.**

Leader: God has helped us since our birth.

**People: So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

Leader: In love, God saves and supports us.

**People: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of life, death, and resurrection, we are grateful for life and all its gifts. Increase in us the stuff that life is made of—faith, hope, and love, but especially love—that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ, our lover and our lord. Amen.**

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE      *This Is My Father's World, GtG 370*

CONFESSION and time of self-examination

Leader: God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and to cast out fear.

**All: God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as "insiders," excluding those we consider "outsiders." We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant. Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE      *Lord, Have Mercy, GtG 551*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

⌘ GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to the Father, GtG 581*

⌘ PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST  
May the Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

## **Encountering God's Word**

⌘ SONG for ILLUMINATION *Live in Charity, GtG 205*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Jane

### The ANTHEM

*I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL arranged by Lloyd Larson

### The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTMENT READING:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

NEWER TESTMENT GOSPEL READING:

Luke 4:21-30

NEWER TESTMENT EPISTLE READING:

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

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 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go, GtG 833*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Friends, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds through the tithes and offerings that we give today.

**The OFFERTORY**

*The Gift of Love*

American Folk Tune arranged by Hal H. Hopson

Paraphrase of I Corinthians 13

**See GtG 693.**

⌘ DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, GtG 606*

⌘ UNISON PRAYER of DEDICATION

**All: O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.**

**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:

**Sung Response All:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. GtG 552*

Leader: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He

shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

### **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. Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

### **Sung Response All:**

*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.* **GtG 553**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sung Response All:** *Amen. Amen. Amen.* **GtG 554**

### **The 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!

### **Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of Cup**

Leader: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Jesus 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.**

### **Communion of the People**

*Gluten-free elements are available upon request.*

### **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 *Come! Live in the Light!, GtG 749*

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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### **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**

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

<b>SESSION</b>		
2019	2020	2021
Beth Ann Dague	John Hargleroad	Karen DiOrio
Ted Owens	Rowena Baker	Michelle John
Geri Sloane	Jill Flanagan	Bob Kanthers
Scott Winters	Bettie Steele	Drew Seabright
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2019	2020	2021
Ann Bopp	Diane Crowl	Kathy Hannan
Marjorie Easton	Russ Green	Tom John
Carol Myers	Janet Hart	Mark Kenamond
Karen Seabright	Joelle Oliver	Joanne Winters