

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

February 09, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) ~ Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ~ Luke 5:1-11

**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

Presented by VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY  
from the balcony  
*The Old Church*  
from *PRAIRIE SONGS*  
Music by Stephen Paulus  
Text by Della B. Vik

The old church leans nearby a well-worn road,  
Upon a hill that has no grass or tree,  
The winds from off the prairie now unload  
The dust they bring around it fitfully.  
The path that leads up to the open door  
Is worn and grayed by many toiling feet  
Of us who listen to the Bible lore  
And once again the old-time hymns repeat.  
And ev'ry Sabbath morning we are still  
Returning to the altar waiting there.  
A hush, a pray'r, a pause, and voices fill  
The Master's House with a triumphant air.  
The old church leans awry and looks quite odd,  
But it is beautiful to us and God.

## CALL to WORSHIP

**Liturgist:** Jesus promises that when we gather, God is present.

**All: God is with us here. God is with us today.**

**Liturgist:** Let us praise our Creator, the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty saying,

**All: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory."**

**Liturgist:** The Lord of hosts is here. Let us ground ourselves in worship.

## OPENING PRAYER

**O God, in the folly of the cross you reveal the great distance between your wisdom and human understanding. Open our minds to the simplicity of the gospel, that, fervent in faith and tireless in love, we may become light and salt for the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## ⌘ OPENING PROCESSIONAL HYMN of PRAISE

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!, GtG 1*

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

**Leader:** Worship begins each week with a communal acknowledgement that we have failed the task set before us. God calls us to live our lives in the way of Jesus, who humbly and justly loved God and neighbor. We are called to set ourselves aside, to make the world a better place. Yet, because the salvation of the world is ongoing, we fall short. Let us confess our sins before our just and merciful Creator so that we may be free to live into our purpose again.

**All:** Lord of hosts, Jesus of Galilee, Holy Spirit, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of violence, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now.

**SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

*We Fall Down, GtG 368*

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Beloved, God hears us when we cry out. God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are. You are forgiven. We are forgiven. You are loved. We are loved. Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God's kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.

**All: 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**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound, GtG 649*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

#### **The ANTHEM**

*Let Your Kingdom Come*

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

The world is full of pain and suffering, hate is alive and well.

Through the chaos, people are asking, "Where is God? Where is God?"

Lord, we see the pow'r of darkness, evil seems so strong.

Bring Your law of love and justice to the world, rule the world with peace.

Your Kingdom come, Lord, let Your will be done.  
On earth as it is in heaven, let love shine like the sun.

Come and touch the world with heaven, do not turn away.  
Come and live among Your children. Lead us Lord, teach us, Lord,  
to be the light, the light in the darkness turning night to day.  
Let Your will be done among us. Work through us, empower us, we pray.

Almighty King of heaven, come and rule the earth.  
May Your Kingdom conquer evil's pow'r.  
Work among Your people as vessels of Your will  
until the age of love and peace shall rise.

The SCRIPTURE  
HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

NEWER TESTAMENT READING

Luke 5:1-11

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica Harley

**Responding to God's Word**

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Nicene Creed)

**All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION      *Will You Come and Follow Me, GtG 726*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** We are called to participate in God's abundance through the choices we make with our time, our talents, our emotions and our physical resources. Let us honor God with our offering.

**The OFFERTORY**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Words and Music by Paul Baloche

Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

*Please refer to GtG 452.*

⌘ 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

**Holy God, you are the source of all love, power and justice. Our world is broken, in need of your love, your light. Take these offerings and multiply them so they may bless others. Bless those who give and those who receive, that they may know you better.**

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 *You Walk along Our Shoreline*, **GtG 170**

⌘ 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 Rose Schrott Taylor, 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.
- 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.
- We thank Gail Looney for serving as liturgist today.
- In 2024 the congregation received approximately \$10,000 in online giving. This remains a convenient way to turn in your tithes and offerings.
- Next week is as follows:
  - Greeter is Joanne Winters
  - Ushers are Drew Seabright, Russ Green, Tom John, Andy Barger, Roger Cain
  - Liturgist is Kevin Miller
  - Welcome Center Volunteer is Frank Provance

# Vance Calendar

Week of February 09 through February 16, 2025

## Sun. February 09

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

## Mon. February 10

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- 1pm, YWCA Lunch & Learn, *Fellowship Hall*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*
- **7pm, Session Meeting, Squibb Room**

## Tue. February 11

- **All Day, Gathering of CRE's Lay Pastors, Potter Chapel**
- **10am, Staff Meeting, Church Office**
- 4:00pm, Susan Eison Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 6pm, Ohio County Master Gardeners Meeting, *Wheeler Room*
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

## Wed. February 12

- **5pm, Pack the Bags for Woodsdale School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- 7pm, Junior League, *Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

## Thur. February 13

- **5pm, Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

## Fri. February 14

## Sat. February 15

- **2pm, Set up for Vance Church Shares the Love, Fellowship Hall**
- **4-6pm, Vance Church Shares the Love, Fellowship Hall**
- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

## Sun. February 16

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, *Robbie Clarke Room*

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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.

|                      | <b>ELDERS</b>     |                     |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2025</b>          | <b>2026</b>       | <b>2027</b>         |
| John Looney          | Elaine Strauch    | Jeanne Finstein (2) |
| Frank Provance (2)   | Zach Abraham      | Diane Crowl (2)     |
| Karen Seabright      | Scott Winters     | Amber Green         |
| Howard Monroe (2)    | Jill Flanagan     | Sue Abraham         |
|                      | <b>DEACONS</b>    |                     |
| <b>2025</b>          | <b>2026</b>       | <b>2027</b>         |
| Denise Williamson    | Janice Carenbauer | Audrey Abraham      |
| Jennifer Shearer (2) | Cheryl Joseph     | Jane Hare           |
| Andy Barger (2)      | Roger Cain (2)    | Joanne Winters      |
| Chase Burdick        | Alan Cline (2)    | Rowena Baker        |

**The PASTOR and CHURCH STAFF**

**Rev. Erica L. Harley ~ Senior Pastor**

**Janice Carenbauer ~ Church Office Administrator**

**Deborah Podolski Breiding ~ Director of Music**

**Jay Carenbauer ~ Head Custodian**

**Chaz Erazmus ~ Custodian**

**Keith Wilson ~ Sound, Video, and Media Coordinator**

**Michelle Harriman ~ Nursery Coordinator**

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

**MISSION PERSONNEL of OUR DIRECT CONCERN**

**Caleb and Claire (Seabright) Bermudez**