

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

February 16, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Jeremiah 17:5-10 ~ Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 ~ Luke 6:17-26

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

*O How I Love Jesus, The Celebration Hymnal #92*

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest name on earth.

*REFRAIN:*

O how I love Jesus! O how I love Jesus!  
O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.

*REFRAIN...*

It tells me what my Father hath In store for every day  
And, tho' I tread a darksome path, Yields sunshine all the way.

*REFRAIN...*

It tells of One whose loving heart Can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part That none can bear below.

*REFRAIN...*

**CALL to WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 1)

**Liturgist:** Like trees planted by streams of water

**All: Let us trust in the Lord**

**Liturgist:** and meditate on God's Word

**All: so we can yield good and bountiful fruit.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives. May we never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Son Jesus, fulfill the law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE      *Give to the Winds Thy Fears, GtG 815*

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

**Leader:** Who can understand the heart? Only God. Let us confess the ways we have turned from the One who knows us and saves us.

**All:** Sustaining God, you lead us through parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world's latest fad and shallow self-help. We sentimentalize the spiritual and ignore the deeper needs of our souls. Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide.

## SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil, GtG 750*

DECLARATION OF PARDON (based on Jeremiah 17:8)

**Leader:** Blessed are those who trust the Lord. When heat comes, our leaves will stay green. In a year of drought, we will not cease to bear fruit. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**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 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian, GtG 729*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

### The ANTHEM

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL arranged by Larry Shackley

Please refer to **GtG 775.**

### The SCRIPTURE

#### HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

#### NEWER TESTAMENT READING

Luke 6:17-26

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

### MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica Harley

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

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Apostles' Creed)

**All: 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

*Blest Are They, GtG 172*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** God has led us to prosperity. Let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given.

### The OFFERTORY

#### *The Holy Heart*

Words and Music by Anne Barbour and Marsha Skidmore  
Arranged by Mary McDonald

The Holy Heart was broken, sent from the Father's side;  
the Son of God forsaken, the holy sacrifice.

*REFRAIN:* For me He was forsaken, for me He died alone;  
my sin forever taken that I might be His own, that I might be His own.

The Holy Lamb was stricken, abandoned and alone;  
He bore the world's affliction, He bore it as His own. *REFRAIN...*

And when my heart is broken, torn by my sin and pride,  
the Son of God now risen will draw me to His side! *REFRAIN...*

⌘ 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, you have sustained us in lean times and led us to sources of living water. Take these gifts and multiply their blessings for those who are hungry, hurting and in need of your strength. Amen.**

### 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

*God of Grace and God of Glory, GtG 307*

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

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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 Teri McDowell Ott, 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 month of January 2025 the congregation supported the Church with contributions of \$12,334 which includes Tithes, Offerings, Woodsdale School, Food Pantry, Special Music and other gifts. For the same time period, repairs and maintenance to the Church building were \$29,942.
- We thank Kevin Miller 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:
  - Ushers are Scott Winters, Zach Abraham, Ben Exley, Kevin Miller
  - Liturgist is Frank Provance
  - Welcome Center Volunteer is Cheryl Joseph

# Vance Calendar

Week of February 16 through February 23, 2025

## 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*

## Mon. February 17

- **Church Office closed for President's Day Holiday**
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- 1pm, YWCA Lunch & Learn, *Fellowship Hall*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*

## Tue. February 18

- 4:00pm, Susan Eismon 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 19

- **5pm, Pack the Bags for Woodsdale School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- **6:15pm, EF&M Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- 7pm, Junior League, *Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

## Thur. February 20

- 4:30pm, YWCA Board Meeting, *Squibb Room*
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

## Fri. February 21

## Sat. February 22

- 8:00am, Scouting of America Troop 6000 Sports Card Memorabilia Show, *Fellowship Hall and Large Kitchen*
- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

## Sun. February 23

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE 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.