

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 28, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

2 Samuel 11:1-15 ~ Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14-21 ~ John 6:1-21

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

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*, **GtG 70**

CALL to WORSHIP (from Psalm 145:10-18)

**Liturgist:** All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

**All: and all your faithful shall bless you.**

**Liturgist:** The Lord upholds all who are falling

**All: and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**Liturgist:** You open your hand,

**All: satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

**Liturgist:** The Lord is just and kind,

**All: The Lord is near to all who call on God.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your Word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that, believing in the One whom you have sent, we may know Jesus to be the true bread of heaven and food of our eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*Here in This Place: Gather Us In*, **GtG 401**

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

**Leader:** We have been called to love our God with all of our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

**All: Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other "gods" — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity, and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

*Be Still and Know That I Am God*, **GtG 414**

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Leader:** Friends, hear the good news of the gospel – God’s radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

⌘ 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 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly, GtG 509*

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Preschool children are dismissed to the Nursery)

#### The ANTHEM

*Yes, Jesus Loves Me!*

Words by Anna B. Warner and David R. McGuire

Arranged by Tim Osiek

*Please refer to GtG 188.*

...As a child on my knees, Jesus was a friend to me.  
Does he still remember me? Does he still remember me?...

...But what about my doubts and fears?  
How I’ve changed throughout the years?  
When I cry out, does he hear?...

...Yes! Jesus loves me still today,  
walking with me on my way.  
Wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live,  
God’s light and love! ...

Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

#### The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 11:1-15

NEWER TESTAMENT READING

John 6:1-21

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

#### MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica Harley

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

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION      *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*, **GtG 523**

### WOODSDALE SCHOOL WEEKEND FOOD BAG CAMPAIGN

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return.

#### **The OFFERTORY**

*Give Me Jesus*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

Arranged by Moses Hogan

Alan Cline, baritone vocal solo

⌘ 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, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. 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                      *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*, **GtG 353**

⌘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 Roger Gench, 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](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.
- Tithes and Offerings received from the congregation for the month of June, 2024 were \$8,233. An example of expenses incurred during the month of June was \$5,727 for benevolences.
- We thank Rowena Baker for serving as liturgist today.
- Today at 4pm we welcome Dr. Edward Alan Moore for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Organ Concert. We encourage everyone to attend!

# Vance Calendar

Week of July 28, 2024 through August 04, 2024

Sun. July 28

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **4pm, Annual Organ Concert, Sanctuary**
- **7-9pm, Youth Group, Robbie Clarke Room**

Mon. July 29

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Room

Tue. July 30

Wed. July 31

- 4:30pm, YWCA Summer Parenting Classes, Robbie Clarke Room
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, Potter Chapel
- 7pm, Jr. League, Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Thur. August 01

- 3pm, UOVP Executive Round Table, UOVP Resource Center
- **4:30pm, Building & Property Commission Meeting, Wheeler Rm**
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Snack & Fellowship, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Fri. August 02

Sat. August 03

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

Sun. August 04

- **10am, Communion Guitar Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Wash. Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, Robbie Clarke Rm
- **5-8pm, Swim Party, Wheeling Country Club**

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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.

## Annual Organ Concert



**July 28, 2024, 4:00 pm  
Sanctuary**

**Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
Organist and Director of  
Music at East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church,  
Pittsburgh, PA**

**Invite Your Friends and Neighbors**