

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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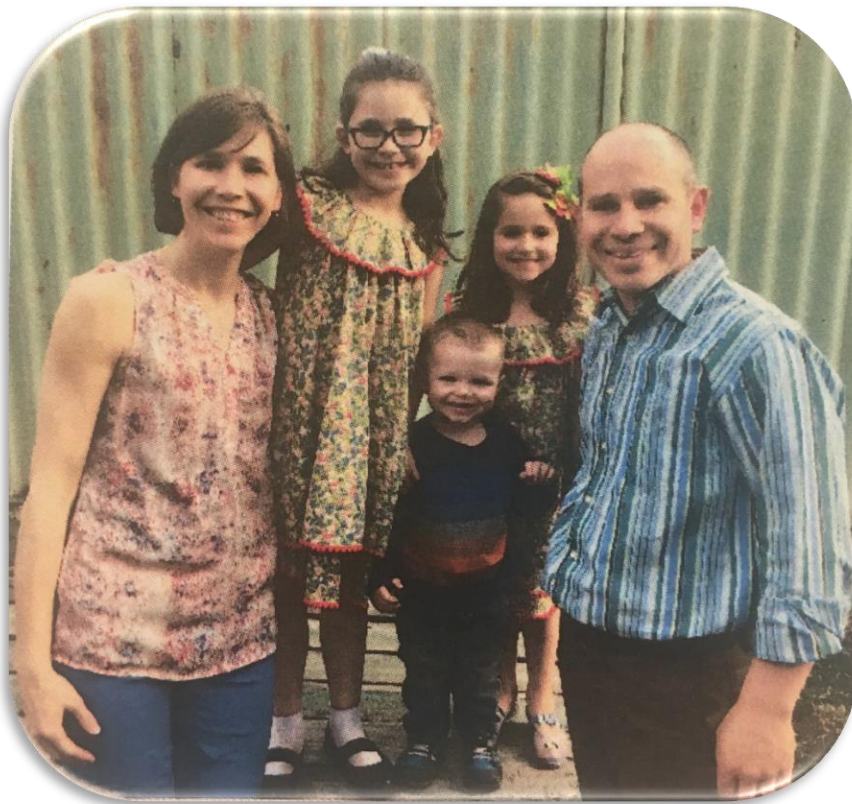
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Pentecost Season [Ordinary Time]

Pentecost [June 4] to Reign of Christ [November 26]

Gift of the Holy Spirit: Spending the Summer in Rome

July 30, 2017 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture this Sunday:

Genesis 29:15-18 ~ Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128

Romans 8:26-39 ~ Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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.

Gathering around God's Word

HYMN PRELUDE

We All Are One in Mission, PH 435

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Seek Ye First, PH 333

OPENING PRAYER unison

Holy God, we try to fasten and fix You, but you will not be stayed. You are love in motion: always breathing us into being, called us to serve, sustaining us in the wilderness.

Come to us as the morning breaks. Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts, until we worship with abandon, for we pray in the name of the Son You sent and through the Spirit that gives us life...Amen.!

CALL to WORSHIP responsively ~Psalm 105:1-6

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name!

Make known Go's deeds among the peoples.

Glory in God's holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and the strength of the Spirit;
seek God's presence continually.**

**We remember God's wonderful works
and raise our praise in gratitude!**

OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord, PH 441

CONFESSION and time of Self-examination unison

~from Matthew 13:31-32

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable to judge power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others ... and:

We fail to watch for You, working Your purposes. We fail to trust Your power, mysterious in all things.

Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered

imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust, to a love we cannot control.

Hear, now, our heart's deep reflections ...

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

And all of God's children say: **Amen!**

ASSURANCE of PARDON responsively ~from Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

Nothing we have done; nothing we will ever do,

Will separate us from the love of God,

Which we find in Jesus Christ!

Please turn to your neighbor
and declare these words of assurance:

"In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!"

GLORIA PATRI

PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

HYMN of PREPARATION *Shout to the North*, GtG 319 see insert

Encountering God's Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION unison

Your ways are wonderful, O God. The unfolding of Your words give light. As we turn to Your Word read and proclaimed, let that light radiate into even the darkest shadows. Make Your face to shine upon us, and teach us, Your servants. We long for Your good news. Seeking to be in Messiah's name, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Roamin' Romans

Miss Jane

The CHORAL ANTHEM

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves

Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

SCRIPTURE FOR MISSIONS **Matthew 22:36-40 (NRSV)**

page 25 in the New Testament in our pew Bibles

³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV)

page 34 in the New Testament in our pew Bibles

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

2 Timothy 2:2 (NRSV)

page 212 in the New Testament in our pew Bibles

² and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.

SCRIPTURE FOR DAY

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (NRSV)

page 181 in the New Testament in our pew Bibles

¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

One: The Word of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Caleb and Claire Bermudez

Commissioning and Laying on of Hands Blessing

Responding to God's Word

CALL and DEDICATION PRAYER unison ~from Matthew 13:31-43

O abundant and generous God, we know that the needs of the world are great, and our gifts often seem so small. Help us to have a mustard-see faith, trusting that through You, amazing things are possible. We dedicate our lives to Your service, O God. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN in Response to today's MESSAGE

You Are My All in All, GtG 519, see insert

 **DOXOLOGY**

 **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** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name, PH 460*

 **BENEDICTION**

 **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Refrain, GtG 319 see*


insert

Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west.

Jesus is Savior of all, Lord of heaven and earth.

He is Lord of heaven and earth

 **POSTLUDE**

 Please stand if able.

PH=Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue); CH=Celebration Hymnal (Red)
GTG=Glory to God (screen or insert)

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**10:00 a.m. Service of Worship regularly broadcast over
WKWK-FM 97.3**

Prayers for use beyond our walls:

Morning Prayer

God of ferment, God of life, as I recall the night's unsettled dreams ... as I foresee the days demands ... come to me in the desires of my heart, in the anger of the excluded, in all I might discount—until I find you everywhere, until your holy love leavens every impulse for I pray in the name of Jesus, whose surprising call continues Amen.

Evening Prayer

Joy of my hearts, thank you for this day's unexpected turns: for provision when I was stymied and laughter born of grace. As I rest in your mercy open my heart to your unruly love, and the neighbors you have put in my path. Amen.

Lectionary Texts for Next Sunday's Service:

COMMUNION: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.

Genesis 32:22-31 ~ Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5 ~ Matthew 14:13-21

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Caleb & Claire (Seabright) Bermudez

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Chairperson of Nominating Committee.....	Scott Winters
Chairperson of Stewardship Committee.....	Jay Frey
Chairperson of Strategic Planning Committee.....	Jay Frey, Phil Polack
Moderator of Presbyterian Women.....	Virginia Dulany

SESSION

2017	2018	2019
Jill Flanagan	Jay Frey	Beth Ann Dague
Jeremy McCamic	Howard Monroe	Ted Owen
Phil Polack	Carol Obermann	Geri Sloane
Bettie Steele	Cheryl Wonderly	Scott Winters

DEACONS

2017	2018	2019
Diane Crowl	Kathy Hannan	Ann Bopp
Russ Green	Michael Hires	Marjorie Easton
Janet Hart	Louise Limbert	Carol Myers
Amy mead	Joanne Winters	Karen Seabright

Congregational Nominating Committee for 2017

Elder Scott Winters (chair), Elder Geri Sloane, Deacon Michael Hires, Penny Kenamond, Jeanne Finstein and Danna Tyska

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