

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 04, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a ~ Psalm 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16 ~ John 6:24-35

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

LET THE CHILDREN COME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP (from Ephesians 4:1-6)

Liturgist: Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called,

All: Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Liturgist: There is one body and one Spirit,

All: just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

Liturgist: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Liturgist: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Morning Has Broken, GtG 664

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

Leader: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

All: Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! 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

Come, Share the Lord, GtG 510

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

THE ANTHEM

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

John 6:24-35

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

One Bread, One Body, GtG 530

WOODSDALE SCHOOL WEEKEND FOOD BAG CAMPAIGN

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God. *(congregation may be seated)*

THE OFFERTORY

⌘ 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, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen. *(congregation may be seated)*

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:

All:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen, amen, amen.

All please join in reciting

The Lord's Prayer,

Our Father, which 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, Amen.

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

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of Cup

Communion of the People

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

There Is a Redeemer, GtG 443

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HAYDEN HEISERMAN

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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Today's worship service liturgy is written by John Wurster
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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. Remote listeners can go to 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.*
- *We thank Karen DiOrio for serving as liturgist today; thanks to Hayden Heiserman for providing music for today's Worship Service.*
- *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.*
- *Tonight is our Swim Party at the Wheeling Country Club, from 5-8pm.*
- *Chancel flowers have been given in memory of Stuart and Stephanie Bloch by Karen, Steve, Caroline, Tom & Family.*
- *Our Community Dinner is scheduled for August 8th at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.*
- *Do you know how easy, safe, and convenient it is to use our new E-giving for your tithe or offering? Very easy indeed! Just go to the church website www.vancechurch.org and click on the "GIVE" button on the front page. A new page will "pop-up" with a giving form you can fill out with your offering amount and payment method. You can make one-time gifts or set-up recurring gifts that will automatically withdraw from your bank account. Tithing is the foundation of giving and E-giving makes it easy to give whenever the Holy Spirit moves you toward generosity.*

Vance Calendar

Week of August 04, 2024 through August 11, 2024

Sun. August 04

- **10am, Communion Guitar Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **5pm, Swimm Party, Wheeling Country Club**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, Robbie Clarke Room

Mon. August 05

- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Conference Room
- 1pm, UOVP Peacemaking Committee, General Presbyters Office
- 5pm, YWCA, Robbie Clarke Room

Tue. August 06

Wed. August 07

- 4:30pm, YWCA Summer Parenting Classes, Robbie Clarke Room
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, C.E. Chapel
- 7pm, Jr. League, JL 3rd Floor Room

Thur. August 08

- **5:00pm, Community Dinner/Hayden Heiserman Farewell Dinner, Fellowship Hall**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Fri. August 09

Sat. August 10

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

Sun. August 11

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **7pm, Youth Group, 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.