

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

August 10, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 ~ Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 ~ Luke 12:32-40

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

**CALL to WORSHIP** (based on Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)

**Liturgist:** Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

**All: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.**

**Liturgist:** By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**All: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE      *God of Grace and God of Glory, GtG 307*

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

**Leader:** Sin hinders us and prevents us from receiving God's Word. Let us open our hearts to God's truth and liberate ourselves to walk Christ's path.

**All: God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE      *God Is Here Today, GtG 411*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Leader:** God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God.

**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 *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*, **GtG 728**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool children are dismissed to the Nursery)

### **The ANTHEM**

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin'*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL arranged by Greg Gilpin

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin',  
for the time is drawin' nigh.

Soon I will be done with the trouble of the world.

Children, don't get weary till your work is done.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin'!

### **The SCRIPTURE**

#### **OLDER TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

#### **GOSPEL READING**

Luke 12:32-40

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

### **MORNING MESSAGE**

**"Don't Weary in Doing Good"**

Rev. Erica L. Harley

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

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

**All: 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

*What Is the World Like, GtG 771*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING (2 Corinthians 9:7)

**Leader:** "God loves a cheerful giver." Let us present our tithes and offerings to God.

**The OFFERTORY**

*A Servant's Heart*

Words and Music by Shayla Blake

Arranged by Mary McDonald

Let me be a splash of water falling on a thirsty land;  
Let me be the touch of comfort that calms a trembling hand;  
Ev'ry day, Spirit move through me.

Hear my prayer: I'm asking, Father, please.

*REFRAIN:* A servant's heart, a servant's heart,

give to me a servant's heart;

Help me be Your hands and feet.

Lord, please grant a servant's heart.

Let me be a word of promise to the one who cannot speak;

Let me be a friend so faithful to the lonely and the meek.

Ev'ry day, Spirit move through me.

Hear my prayer: I'm asking, Father, please. *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 of abundance, everything we have is on loan from you. Help us be good stewards of all your precious resources. Bless these gifts we give in return that they might, in turn, be a blessing to others. 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

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers, GtG 362*

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

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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. 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 Drew Seabright for serving as liturgist today.
- Next week is as follows:
  - Greeter is Audrey Abraham
  - Ushers are Scott Winters, Zach Abraham, Ben Exley, Kevin Miller
  - Liturgist is Kevin Miller

### **The PASTOR and CHURCH STAFF**

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

**Janet Hart ~ Clerk of Session**

**Janice Carenbauer ~ Church Office Administrator**

**Deborah Podolski Breiding ~ Director of Music**

**Jay Carenbauer ~ Head Custodian**

**Chaz Erasmus ~ 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**

# Vance Calendar

Week of August 10, 2025 through August 17, 2025

## Sunday, August 10

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **6pm, Youth Group, Robbie Clarke Room**

## Monday, August 11

- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Room
- **3pm, VBS Meeting, Christ United Methodist Church**
- **7pm, Session, Squibb Room**

## Tuesday, August 12

- **10am, Staff Meeting, Church Office**
- 6pm, Ohio County Master Gardeners Meeting, Wheeler Room
- 7pm, Scouting America Troops 6 and 6000, Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms

## Wednesday, August 13

- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, Primary Chapel
- 7pm, Junior League, Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

## Thursday, August 14

- 4:30pm, Vets with Guitars, Merriman Chapel
- **5:00pm, Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall**
- 6pm, COM Meeting (UOVP), Potter Chapel
- **6:00pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

## Friday, August 15

## Saturday, August 16

- **10:30am, Kidz Morning Out, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, Potter Chapel

## Sunday, August 17

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **6pm, Game Night, Fellowship Hall**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, Robbie Clarke Room
- **Pastor Erica is away until Wednesday at a Financial retreat at Montreat.**

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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.