

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 08, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 ~ Psalm 125

James 2:1-10, 14-17 ~ Mark 7:24-37

**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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN PRELUDE

STRING QUARTET & VANCE CHOIR

Children of the Heavenly Father

The Celebration Hymnal #719

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Tho' He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

Arranged for HANDBELLS by Jeffery Honoré

Please refer to GtG 753.

CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

Liturgist: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

All: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love; and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you have commanded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

In Christ There Is No East or West, GtG 318

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

Leader: God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God's path of righteousness.

All: Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Bind Us Together*, **The Celebration Hymnal #425**

Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with love.

There is only one God, There is only one King,
There is only one body; That is why we can sing:

Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with love.

DECLARATION OF PARDON (*Book of Common Worship*)

Liturgist: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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

When the Poor One: Cuando el pobre, **GtG 762**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

The ANTHEM

Heal Our Land

Words and Music by R. Kevin Boesiger

Arranged by R. Kevin Boesiger

VANCE CHOIR & STRING QUARTET

Heal our land, may "in God we trust" again,
Heal our land, according to Your plan;
Heal our land bring us back where we began,
To know God's heart and on His Word we stand.
Heal our land.

We pray for peace, we pray for wisdom
in a time when peace is hard to find.
We pray for hope, we pray for guidance.
May each step move us closer to You.

His Truth is marching on, glory hallelu!
His Truth is marching on, glory hallelujah!

Heal our land.

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Mark 7:24-37

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

SONG of AFFIRMATION Presented by VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY

It Is Well with My Soul

(When Peace Like a River)

René Clausen

Please refer to GtG 840.

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)*

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

We have more to offer than we recognize or realize. God has given us abundant gifts. Let us faithfully respond to our generous God, by presenting our tithes and offerings.

The OFFERTORY

Rivers of Living Water

Karen Marrolli

Based on John 7:38 and Psalm 42

Tune: LACQUIPARLE, Dakota Melody

VANCE CHOIR with Flute, Violin, and Hand Drum

There shall be rivers of living water; there shall be streams of spirit light.
There shall be rivers of living water that cleanse the soul and give us sight.

There shall be pathways of flowing fountains, where rivers seek us to embrace.

O let the thirsty come before him and drink the well of healing grace.

O does your soul cry out for oneness, like the deserts seek the rain,
like the deer longs for the wellspring? Great spirit, quench us and sustain!

There shall be rivers of living water; there shall be streams of healing bliss.
There shall be rivers of living water; praise God for this, praise God for this.

⌘ 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

Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen. *(congregation may be seated)*

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

Open My Eyes, That I May See, GtG 451

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

ENTIRE ASSEMBLY

For Everyone Born, GtG 769

⌘ 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 Teri McDowell Ott
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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.
- Tithes and Offering received from the congregation for the month of July 2024 were \$24,379. An example of expenses incurred for Special Music during the same month were \$2,430.
- We thank Frank Provance for serving as liturgist today.
- Chancel flowers have been given in honor and memory of family by Wendy, Julie and Phil Polack.
- 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 September 08, 2024 through September 15, 2024

Sun. Sept. 08

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms, 2nd Floor**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, HOMECOMING Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, New Member Class, Narthex**
- **11:15am, Kidz Christmas Play Practice, Merriman Chapel**
- **6pm, Youth Group, Robbie Clarke Room**

Mon. Sept. 09

- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Conference Room
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- **7pm, Session Meeting, Squibb Room**

Tues. Sept. 10

- **11am, Staff Meeting, Erica's Office**
- 5pm, YWCA Glow Run Meeting, Squibb Room
- 6pm, Ohio County Master Gardeners, Robbie Clarke Room
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 & 6000 Meeting, Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms

Wed. Sept. 11

- 12:00pm, Interfaith City-Wide 911 Remembrance Service, Waterfront Wheeling
- **5pm, Woodsdale School Food Bags, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall
- 7pm, Jr. League, JL 3rd Floor Room

Thur. Sept. 12

- **5pm, Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Fri. Sept. 13

Sat. Sept. 14

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

Sun. Sept. 15

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms, 2nd Floor**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- **11:15am, New Members Class, Potter Chapel**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship 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.