

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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HOMCOMING SUNDAY

Fourteenth 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

September 10, 2017 • 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture this Sunday:

Exodus 12:1-14 ~ Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14 ~ Matthew 18:15-20

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

PRELUDE

When the Saints Go Marching In

Arranged by Chloe Wieczorek

Trumpet, John Leonard; Guitar, Anthony Ambroso

CHIMES


GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

God Bless the Child

Billie Holiday and Arthur Herzog, Jr.

 **OPENING PRAYER** for those who endure the FLOOD unison

Almighty God, in the self-giving love Messiah, You have revealed the path of salvation. Grant us the discipline and energy to stay aware of what You are doing in our worlds ... let us 'wake up' spiritually to the life of Your Beloved Community as it unfolds around us.

As we worship this morning, enliven our spirits, energize our minds, and help us nurture familiar, and new, actions to bring Your Shalom more fully present here in Wheeling.

We pray, together, seeking to be in the name of Jesus, Your Messiah ... amen!

 **CALL to WORSHIP** responsively ~Psalm 16:7-8

Sing a song of thanksgiving.

Declare God's wondrous deeds.

For the Lord dwells among us, God's people;

the glory of God abides with us!

 **OPENING HYMN of PRAISE**

All Creatures of Our God and King, PH 455, vv. 1,5 &6

CONFESSION and time of Self-examination unison

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation.

Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh.

“Forgiving” by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others, as you have shown mercy to us.

Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE of PARDON responsively ~from Romans 8:34

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;

Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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** *Sing of the Lord’s Goodness*

Please use the insert and join on the refrain

Encountering God’s Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION unison ~from Exodus 3:4

Spirit of wisdom and truth, shine your light into our hearts and lives. Awaken us where we slumber. Stir us to awareness when we doze, inattentive to God’s work in our worlds Greet us with the warmth of your love that we may choose to walk in your grace and live by your light. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Be Ready

Miss Jane

The ANTHEM

*Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace
(Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)*

Tune: NETTLETON; Traditional American Melody

Arranged by Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY

Romans 13:8-14

~from *The Message*

⁸Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other. When you love others, you complete what the law has been after all along. ⁹The law code—don't sleep with another person's spouse, don't take someone's life, don't take what isn't yours, don't always be wanting what you don't have, and any other "don't" you can think of—finally adds up to this: Love other people as well as you do yourself. ¹⁰You can't go wrong when you love others. When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is *love*.

¹¹But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. ¹²The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. ¹³We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. ¹⁴Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

One: The Word of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Wake Up! Don't Sleep Through the Revolution

Rev. John Oerter

Responding to God's Word

CALL and DEDICATION PRAYER unison ~Matthew 18:20


Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in his name, be among us now that these offerings may become instruments of your love and justice.

OFFERTORY SONG to be sung by ALL

Let There Be Peace on Earth, see screen

 DOXOLOGY

Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds

 **CLOSING HYMN** *I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free*
Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas, see insert vv. 3 & 4

 **BENEDICTION**

 **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Closing Hymn, reprise*

 **POSTLUDE**

 Please stand if able.

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

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

Prayers for use beyond our walls:

Morning Prayer

O God of this and every morning,
as I begin this day, call my name;
as I step into this day, guide my feet;
as I live this day, care for those I love;
as I learn this day, teach me your ways.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God of stars and planets,
the setting sun ends this day for us
as it rises on a new day for others.
For us and for them, be light in every darkness.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lectionary Texts for Next Sunday's Service:

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.

Exodus 14:19-13 ~ Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21

Romans 14:1-12 ~ Matthew 18:21-35

2017 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Clerk of Session	Julie Squibb
President of the Board of Deacons	Russ Green
Church Treasurer	Paul Limbert
Chairperson of Building and Property Commission	Ted Owens
Chairperson of Christian Education Commission	Jill Flanagan
Chairperson of Worship & Music Commission	Howard Monroe
Chairperson of Missions Commission	Carol Obermann
Chairperson of Personnel Committee	Beth Ann Dague
Chairpersons of Hospitality	Sue Abraham, Rowena Baker, Carol Myers
Chairperson of Finance Committee	Jeremy McCamic
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	<i>vacancy</i>	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

MISSION PERSONNEL of OUR DIRECT CONCERN

Caleb & Claire (Seabright) Bermudez

~ **MINISTERS of the CHURCH: ALL MEMBERS** ~

The PASTOR and CHURCH STAFF

Rev. John Oerter ~ **Transitional Pastor**
 Jane Schockey ~ **Church Administrator/C.E. Director**
 Deborah Podolski Breiding ~ **Organist and Choir Director**
 Russ Brown ~ **Head Custodian**
 Jay Carenbauer ~ **Custodian**
 Evan Smith ~ **Sound, Lighting & Visual Coordinator**