

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Spiritual Launch

September 19, 2021 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Jeremiah 11:18-20 ~ Psalm 54

Mark 9:30-37 ~ James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

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

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Canticle of Worship

Words by J. Paul Williams

Music by Joseph M. Martin

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Let us fill this house with worship; let us celebrate Your grace.
Let Your words be read and honored. May we all Your truth embrace.

Help us follow where You lead us, till Your work on earth is done.
May each heart and mind and spirit joyfully sing praises now as one.

Let us fill this house with music. Let us fill this house with praise.
Giving thanks for all God's blessing. Hymns of gratitude we raise.

Let our music reach to heaven; let our hearts be joined as one.
Let the sounds of all creations joyfully proclaim what God has done.

Let us leave this house as servants. Let us live our songs for You,
singing words of hope and courage, living lives of gratitude.

Let us give your hearts and talents; let us dedicate our all.
Make us, Lord, one alleluia, as we answer to Your loving call.

You alone are holy. You alone are worthy.
You alone are God. We will serve You, Lord.
We worship You, O Lord.

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: From the Garden of Eden to the New Jerusalem,

All: our God is a God of abundance.

Liturgist: From the beginning of salvation history until its end,

All: our God is a God of abundance.

Liturgist: God's generous desire for creation is the best life for all,

All: our God is a God of abundance.

All: Hallelujah. Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, we praise you this day for the many ways you have blessed our lives. You desire fullness of life for us in every possible way – physically, mentally, spiritually, emotionally and materially. Because of your goodness, we can embrace a generous way of living. Help us to be your grateful and giving people, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

God is Here!, **GtG 409**

Encountering God's Word

⌘ PSALM READING in UNISON: Psalm 36:5-10

- ⁵ **Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.**
- ⁶ **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**
- ⁷ **How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**
- ⁸ **They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- ⁹ **For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.**
- ¹⁰ **O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

⌘ SONG of ILLUMINATION

Lord of All Good, GtG 711

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The ANTHEM

They'll Know We Are Christians

Words and Music by Peter Scholtes

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Please refer to GtG 300.

The SCRIPTURE

Genesis 4:1-16

John 10:7-10

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound, GtG 649

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Liturgist: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

All: the world, and those who live in it.

Liturgist: All that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours, O Lord,

All: and of your own we give you. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

Peace

Words and Music by Patricia Mock

Arranged by Richard A. Nichols

Oh, Lord, through the strife bring your peace.

Where worry prevails, give release.

As the shadows linger all around,
to our troubled minds and broken land.

Let there be peace.

O, Lord, through the dark shine your light.

Where truth seems unclear, help our sight.

Lift the veil that covers blinded eyes;

Give a vision of you, only wise.

Let your light shine.

Lord of all mercy and grace,
rain down your love in this place.

In a world where hatred seems so strong,
may your grace right the wrong.

⌘ 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

Almighty God, you have blessed us beyond measure and we are forever grateful. Help us live as people surrounded by generosity and abundance, who bless others through our giftedness. 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

To God Be the Glory, GtG 634

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

All please sing.

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name henceforth and evermore.

⌘POSTLUDE

⌘ 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

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. Radio 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*
- Attendance in worship last Sunday was 81; Giving for the month of August was \$18,993.
- We thank Joanne Winters for serving as liturgist in worship today.
- Chancel Flowers were given by The Gustkey children in memory of Jean H. Gustkey.
- All adults are invited to join the 9:00 Adult Sunday School class in Potter Chapel. The class is a 5-week viewing of Ray Vander Laan's video series "Walk as Jesus Walked." In preparation, you may want to read the following Bible chapters and verses prior to the class. Sunday, September 19, Session Two: Acts 13 and 14; September 26, Session Three: Acts 13 and 14, Acts 15 -16, Ephesians 6: 19-20.

Vance Calendar

for the Week of

September 19 through September 26

Sun. Sept. 19

- **Let the Music Live Spiritual Journey Kick-off**
- **9am, Sunday School for All ages, C.E. Rooms**
- **10am, Worship, Sanctuary**
- **11am, Deacon's Meeting, Squibb Room**

Mon. Sept. 20

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- **6pm, Worship and Music Commission, Wheeler Room**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Pack 6, *C.E. Rooms*
- 7pm, Wheeling Symphony Youth Orchestra, *Merriman Chapel and Squibb Room*
- 7:45pm, Young Life Campaigners, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Tue. Sept. 21

- 7pm, Boy Scouts Troop 6, *Fellowship Hall*

Wed. Sept. 22

- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *C.E. Chapel*
- 6:30pm, Shawnee Hills Civic Company, *Fellowship Hall*
- **7pm, Handbell Practice, Sanctuary**
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thur. Sept. 23

- 12pm, Presbytery Pastor's Bible Study, *Potter Chapel*
- 5:45pm, PEO Meeting, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Fri. Sept. 24

Sat. Sept. 25

- 8pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sun. Sept. 26

- **9am, Sunday School for All Ages, C.E. Rooms**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**