

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Proverbs 31:10-31 ~ Psalm 1

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

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

PRELUDE

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet, GtG 458

CALL to WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 1*)

Liturgist: Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

All: And meditate on God's word day and night.

Liturgist: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

All: Which yield their fruit in its season. Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.

OPENING PRAYER

God and Father of all, you have willed that the last shall be first, and you have made a little child the measure of your kingdom. Give us that wisdom which is from above, so we may understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love, GtG 203

CONFESSION and time of self-examination (1 John 1:8,9)

(congregation may be seated)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

All:

Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist the devil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. (*inspired by James 3:13-4:3*)

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

I've Got Peace like a River, GtG 623

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Walk in the newness of life!

All: Thanks be to God. 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

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God, GtG 730

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

O God Beyond All Praising

Words by Michael Perry

The TUNE *THAXTED* by Gustav T. Holst

Choral Setting by Mark Hayes

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end;
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Alleluia!

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 1

NEWER TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:30-37

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica Harley

Responding to God's Word

Sacrament of Baptism

⌘PRESENTATION

⌘PROFESSION OF FAITH

⌘APOSTLES' 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

⌘THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

⌘BAPTISM

⌘WELCOME

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

Jesus Loves Me!, **GtG 188**

⌘INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

The OFFERTORY

There's Something About That Name

with How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Words by Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither and John Newton

Music by William J. Gaither and Lloyd Larson

Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,

but there's something about that name!

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!

It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds, and drives away the fear.

Dear name, the rock, on which I build, my shield and hiding place,

my never-failing treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace.

His name I will ever praise!

⌘ 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

Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our

gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ's name, we pray. 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

I Need Thee Every Hour, GtG 735

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!, GtG 839

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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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, Offerings and other congregational receipts for the month of August 2024 were \$26,063. An example of expenses incurred during August was \$15,668. paid to Angelina Stone & Marble for repointing stone work on outside of building.
- We thank Karen DiOrio for serving as liturgist today.
- Chancel flowers have been given in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Carl W. Gustkey, by Ed Gustkey.

Vance Calendar

Week of September 22, 2024 through September 29, 2024

Mon. September 22

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **9am, Session Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- **10am, Worship Service with Baptism, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Kidz Christmas Play Practice**

Mon. September 23

- **12pm, Christian Education Commission Meeting, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Room
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm, WLU Community Choir Practice

Tue. September 24

- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, Squibb Room
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms

Wed. September 25

- **5pm, Woodsdale School Food Bag Packing, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, Primary Chapel
- 6:30pm, Scouts Parents' Meeting, Squibb Room
- **7pm, Mission Outreach & Community Service Commission Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- 7pm, Junior League, Junior League Room, 3rd Floor

Thur. September 26

- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Fri. September 27

Sat. September 28

- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

Sun. September 29

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service with New Members, Sanctuary**
- **5pm, Youth Group, The Washington Break Room**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, Robbie Clarke Room

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Vance Church events are in bold type.