

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 ~ Psalm 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15 ~ Luke 17:11-19

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 Psalm 66)

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

All: Sing to the glory of God's name.

Liturgist: All of creation worships, singing praise to God.

All: Sing to the glory of God's name.

Liturgist: Let us give glory to God.

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE *Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn, GtG 179*

CONFESSION and time of self-examination (based on 2 Timothy)

(congregation may be seated)

Leader: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Assured of God's grace, let us confess our sin together:

All: (based on Luke 17) **Holy God, When we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting ableism in all its forms. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Blest Be the Tie That Binds, GtG 306, vv. 1 and 2*

DECLARATION OF PARDON (based on 2 Timothy)

Leader: The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. We are clothed with the righteousness of Christ. Our sin is forgiven!

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

God of the Sparrow, GtG 22

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

Refiner's Fire

Words and Music by Brian Doerksen

Choral Setting by John F. Wilson

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire; my heart's one desire is to be holy;

set apart for you, Lord. I choose to be holy,

set apart for you, my Master, ready to do your will.

Ready to do your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within, and make me holy.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, my sin so deep within!

Refiner's fire...

The SCRIPTURE

OLDER TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

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

All: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

*We Cannot Measure How You Heal, **GtG 797***

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Every good gift comes from God. We are invited to respond in gratitude, giving freely and generously, just as we have received.

The OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

Words and Music by Henry Smith

Arranged by Vicki Tucker Courtney

*Please refer to **GtG 647**.*

⌘ 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 and generous God, use the gifts we bring for healing and reconciliation in the world, to the glory of your name. 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

Live into Hope, GtG 772

⌘BENEDICTION

⌘BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

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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 Stephanie Sorge, 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.
- Trunk or Treat is coming October 31st! See the sign-up in the Narthex!
- Next week is as follows:
 - Greeter is Jane Hare
 - Welcome Center is Amber Green
 - Ushers are Ed Gustkey, Frank Provence, Bob Mead, Bob Kanters, Jeanne Finstein
 - Liturgist is Karen DiOrio

Vance Calendar

Week of October 12, 2025 through October 19, 2025

Sunday, October 12

- **8:30am, Men's Study, Merriman Chapel**
- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Monday, October 13 Columbus Day

- **Church Office Closed for Columbus Day Holiday**
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*

Tuesday, October 14

- 4pm, Susan Eison Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 6pm, Ohio County Master Gardeners Meeting, *Wheeler Room*
- 7pm, Scouting America Troop 6, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*

Wednesday, October 15

- **5pm, Nourish to Flourish, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- 6pm, Scouting America Troop 6000, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7pm, Junior League, *Junior League Room, 3rd Floor*

Thursday, October 16

- 4:30pm, Vets with Guitars, *Merriman Chapel*
- **6:00pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Friday, October 17

Saturday, October 18

- 10:30am, Kidz Morning Out, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Potter Chapel*

Sunday, October 19

- **8:30am, Men's Study, Merriman Chapel**
- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, Wheeler 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.