

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

October 27, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



### **Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 ~ Psalm 34:1-8

Hebrews 7:23-28 ~ Mark 10:46-52

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

*Open the Eyes of My Heart, GtG 452*

CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 46)

**Liturgist:** Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**All: Amen.**

**Liturgist:** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

**Liturgist:** Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**All: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**

**Liturgist:** "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge**

**Liturgist:** Let us worship the living God!

OPENING PRAYER (a prayer by John Calvin)

**My God, my Father and my Savior, you have been pleased to preserve me by your grace through the night and you have brought me to this new day. Grant that I may use it entirely in your service, that I may think, say, and do nothing but to please you and to obey your holy will. May all my actions be to the glory of your name and to the service of others. And just as you cause the sun to shine on the world to give physical light, let your Holy Spirit illumine my mind to guide me in the way of righteousness. In everything I do, let my goal and intention always be to walk reverently and to honor and serve you, relying only on your blessing for my well-being, and undertaking only what is pleasing to you. Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, GtG 610*

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

**Leader:** As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

**All:** (a prayer by Martin Luther) **Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs**

**to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil, GtG 750*

DECLARATION OF PARDON (a prayer by John Calvin)

**Leader:** Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

**All: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

⌘ 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 *The Summons, GtG 726*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

#### **The ANTHEM**

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Words by Linda Lee Johnson based on Psalm 8

Music by Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies  
and see the work of Your fingers;

The moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,  
And have made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation:

The beasts of the field,

The birds of the air,

The fish of the sea.

But, what is man,

Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name

Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,  
And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The majesty and glory of Your name.

The SCRIPTURE  
HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

NEWER TESTAMENT READING

Mark 10:46-52

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica Harley

### **Responding to God's Word**

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from The Heidelberg Catechism)

**Pastor:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People:** **That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION            *My Faith Looks Up to Thee, GtG 829*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God's promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place.

The OFFERTORY

*Softly and Tenderly*

Words and Music by Will L. Thompson

Choral Setting by Joel Raney

*Please refer to GtG 418.*

⌘ 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 (a prayer by Martin Luther)

**O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. 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

*O Christ, the Healer*, **GtG 793**

⌘BENEDICTION

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⌘ 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 Matthew A. Rich, and provided for free distribution by *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2024.

## *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.
- For the month of September 2024 the Congregation supported the Church with contributions of \$24,659 which included tithes, offerings, Woodsdale School Food Bags, and Special Music Performances. Expenses for the same time period were \$32,022 for personnel wages and benefits.
- We thank Sue Abraham for serving as liturgist today.

# Vance Calendar

Week of October 27, 2024 through November 03, 2024

## Sun. October 27

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **9:30am, Children's Christmas Play Practice, Merriman Chapel**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Adult Sunday School *The Chosen*, Squibb Room**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- **Time TBA, Youth Group "Escape the Pen", WV Penitentiary**

## Mon. October 28

- 9:30am, YWCA Parenting Class, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- **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. October 29

- **12pm, House of the Carpenter Food Bags, House of the Carpenter**
- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

## Wed. October 30

- **5pm, Woodsdale School Food Bag Packing, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- 7pm, Junior League, *Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

## Thur. October 31

- **6pm, Trunk or Treat, Fellowship Hall, Large Kitchen & Parking Lot**

## Fri. November 01

## Sat. November 02

- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

## Sun. November 03

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Communion Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Adult Sunday School, *The Chosen*, Squibb Room**
- **6pm, Taco Bar & Game Night, Fellowship Hall & Large Kitchen**

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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.