

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 ~ Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28 ~ Mark 12:38-44

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

The Gift of Love, GtG 693

CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

Liturgist: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

All: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Liturgist: God blesses those whose hope is in the Lord their God.

All: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Liturgist: The Lord watches over the strangers; The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked The Lord brings to ruin.

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, your blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when Jesus comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Take My Life, GtG 697

CONFESSION and time of self-examination (Nehemiah 9:17) *(congregation may be seated)*

Leader: God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us turn to God in honesty and humility, ready to confess our sins.

All: Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of wealth inequality. Open our hearts to righting our societal wrongs. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our votes cast only for our benefit, or that of our nation's. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and vulnerable. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

O How He Loves You and Me
The Celebration Hymnal #349

O how He loves you and me! O how He loves you and me!
He gave His life; what more could He give?
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Cal'ry did go; His love for sinners to show.
What He did there bro't hope from despair.
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!

DECLARATION OF PARDON (Psalm 34:22)

Leader: "The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

⌘ HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GtG 591

⌘ PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

Encountering God's Word

⌘ SONG of ILLUMINATION

What Does the Lord Require of You?, **GtG 70**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

American Anthem

Gene Scheer

VOCAL SOLO: Chase Burdick

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

NEWER TESTAMENT READING

Mark 12:38-44

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from the Confession of Belhar)

All: We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who

gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe • that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. • that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world; • that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity; • that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION *Where Charity and Love Prevail, GtG 316*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING (Acts 20:35)

Leader: Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The OFFERTORY

Bring What You Have

Words and Music by Cindy Berry

Bring what you have to the Savior,
Whether great or small, lay it at His feet.

He can bless and multiply,
so that all will magnify the name of Jesus, our Lord.

⌘ 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 God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. 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

When the Poor Ones, **GtG 762**

⌘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 Teri McDowell Ott, 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 Karen DiOrio for serving as liturgist today.

Vance Calendar

Week of November 10, 2024 through November 17, 2024

Sun. November 10

- **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 Cryptid Mountain Mini Golf, Morgantown WV**

Mon. November 11 – Veteran's Day

- 9:30am, YWCA Parenting Class, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, *Fellowship Hall*
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- **2pm, Celebrate Recovery Step Study, Pastor Erica's Office**
- 6:30pm, WLU Community Choir Practice
- **7:30pm, Session, Squibb Room**

Tue. November 12

- **10am, Staff Meeting, Church Office**
- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 6pm, Ohio County Master Gardeners Meeting, *Wheeler Room*
- 6pm, Girl Scouts Cookie Training, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

Wed. November 13

- 4pm, Scouting America Popcorn Delivery/Distribution, *Fellowship Hall*
- **5pm, Woodsdale School Food Bag Packing, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **Time TBA, Meatloaf Making Party, Large Kitchen**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- 7pm, Junior League, *Junior League Room, 3rd Floor*

Thur. November 14

- 2pm, West Liberty Concert Dress Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- **5pm, Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Fri. November 15

- 5pm, Troop 6000 Rummage Sale Set-Up, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7pm, West Liberty Concert, *Sanctuary*

Sat. November 16

- 7am, Troop 6000 Rummage Sale, *Fellowship Hall*
- **10:30am, Kidz Morning Out, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sun. November 17

- **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**
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- **11:15am, Appalachian Christmas Project Shoebox Wrapping, Robbie Clarke Room**

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**Vance Church events are in bold type.**