

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **Reign of Christ**

November 22, 2020 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 ~ Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23 ~ Matthew 25:31-46

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

Please sign and pass the fellowship pad to the inside aisle.

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

*Here in This Place, GtG 401*

**verses 1, 2 and 4 Gather Us In**

CALL to WORSHIP

**Liturgist:** The Lord God is our shepherd.

**All: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**

**Liturgist:** God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

**All: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is, GtG 802*

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

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

*Give Us Light, GtG 467*

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Liturgist:** However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are 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

*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd, GtG 274*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### The ANTHEM

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

*with*

*This Is My Father's World*

Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands.

This is our Father's world: O let us not forget  
that though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ruler yet!

He's got the whole world in his hands...  
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

## The SCRIPTURE

### GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 25:31-46

### HEBREW BIBLE READING:

Ezekiel 34:1-16, 20-24

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

## MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

### Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, GtG 279*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** In gratitude for the immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ, let us bring our titles and offerings to God. *(congregation may be seated)*

### The OFFERTORY

*How Beautiful (Your Songs of Praise)*

Words and Music by Jeff Lippencott

Arranged by Tom Fettke

In the stillness of my heart I will wait for You.  
In the silence of my soul I will speak Your name.  
With my voice I will proclaim:

*REFRAIN:*

How beautiful Your songs of praise,  
How true and steadfast are Your ways,  
Let all that is within me rise and sing.

How beautiful Your holy name,  
How marvelous Your saving grace,

That You would call me as Your own;  
How beautiful.

In the movement of a breeze I can hear You speak.  
In the works Your hands have made, sun and moon and stars,  
I see ev'rything You are. *REFRAIN ...*

⌘ **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, use us, and these gifts, to feed the hungry, clothe the  
naked, and honor your presence in all people; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. 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**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, GtG 620*

⌘ **BENEDICTION**

⌘ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE and POSTLUDE**

⌘ 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. Radio listeners can go to [vancechurch.org](http://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
- If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the friendship pad in the pew rack so that we may obtain your contact information. Members need not fill out the friendship pads until the pandemic precautions have passed.
- Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Inquire with an usher and they will assist you.
- Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.
- Attendance in worship last Sunday was 27.
- Giving for the month of October was \$13,491.00.
- Christmas Eve is Thursday, December 24, 2020. There will be three worship services at Vance Church that day. At 4:00pm there will be a Family Friendly Christmas Eve Worship Service in Fellowship Hall. This informal service will be geared toward families with children and young children and will tell the Christmas Story. At 7:30pm there will be a Christmas Eve Worship Service with Candlelight in the Sanctuary. At 11:00pm there will be a Christmas Eve Worship Service with Communion in the Narthex.
- The Mission Outreach and Community Service Commission is supporting the Appalachian Christmas project this season. Place filled, wrapped and labeled boxes/bags in the boxes in the Narthex or by the church office. The final date for donations is today, Sunday, November 22, 2020.
- Flowers have been placed on the chancel by Jane Hare, Mike Heihre and families in memory of Charlie and Ruth Hare's anniversary.
- The Deacons are sending out a thank-you to congregation members and friends who have generously donated school supplies for the children at Woodsdale School this fall. You are awesome! " *Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed.*" -Proverbs 19:17