

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Communion Sunday

December 2, 2018 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Jeremiah 33:14-16 ~ Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 ~ **Luke 21:25-36**

The MISSION of
Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)
is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ
with everyone through Worship, Prayer,
Education, Fellowship, and Mission Outreach.

Gathering around God's Word

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Canticle of the Turning, GtG 100

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Song of Preparation

I'll Be Home for Christmas (solo by Evan Williams)

HYMNAL DEDICATION see insert

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away

People: but the word of God endures forever.

Leader: The day of the Lord is surely coming;

People: the promise of God will be fulfilled.

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel , GtG 88, v. 1&2

CONFESSION and time of self-examination

Leader: A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

All: God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits, GtG 89, v.1

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

⌘ GLORIA PATRI *Angels We Have Heard on High, GtG 113 refrain*
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

⌘ PASSING the PEACE of CHRIST

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

Encountering God's Word

⌘ SONG for ILLUMINATION *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming, GtG*
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Jane

The ANTHEM & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Love's Pure Light: A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by Joel Raney

Please ALL join in singing.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and end this gloom of night. Bring hope to the world, bring peace to the earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

The SCRIPTURE

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Luke 21:25-36

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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 *The Days Are Surely Coming*, **GtG 357**

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Let us magnify the Lord, rejoicing in the one who scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with good things.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Advent Hope (When Will Messiah Come?)

Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

⌘ DOXOLOGY *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, **GtG 133 refrain**

O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him

O Come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

⌘ PRAYER of DEDICATION

Dear God, we offer you this gifts that they might build up the work of your kingdom. Make us living witnesses to the way of your righteous reign. For the glory of your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Hallelujah! The Lord our God the Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come.

All: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You formed us in your image and set us in this world to love and serve you. When we were captives in slavery, you delivered us to freedom, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. When we were stubborn and stiff-necked, you spoke to us through prophets who looked for that day when justice shall triumph and peace shall reign over all the earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. You sent him into this world to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. He came among us as one of us, taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering, dying an unjust death. We rejoice that in his dying and rising again, you set before us the sure promise of new life, the certain hope of a heavenly home where we will sit at table with Christ our host.

Words of Institution

Leader: We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Leader: Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit to bring good news to the poor and loose the chains that bind. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

All: Amen. Amen. Amen.

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!

Leader: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst. The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of Cup

Communion of the People

Gluten-free elements are available upon request.

Prayer after Communion

Leader: Gracious and abundant God, even as we wait for the fulfillment of your creation, you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal. We thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet.

All: Amen.

Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds

⌘ CLOSING HYMN *My Hope is Built On Nothing Less, GtG 353*

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE VANCE CHOIR

⌘ ORGAN POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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Rev. Erica L. Harley ~ Senior Pastor
 Jane Schockey ~ Church Administrator/C.E. Director
 Deborah Podolski Breiding ~ Director of Music
 Russ Brown ~ Head Custodian
 Jay Carenbauer ~ Custodian
 Keith Wilson ~ Sound, Video, and Media Coordinator
 Christina Kestner ~ Seminary Intern

~ **MINISTERS of the CHURCH: ALL MEMBERS** ~

SESSION

2018	2019	2020
Jay Frey	Beth Ann Dague	John Hargleroad
Howard Monroe	Ted Owens	Phil Polack
Carol Obermann	Geri Sloane	Jill Flanagan
Michelle John	Scott Winters	Bettie Steele

DEACONS

2018	2019	2020
Kathy Hannan	Ann Bopp	Diane Crowl
Michael Hires	Marjorie Easton	Russ Green
Louise Limbert	Carol Myers	Janet Hart
Joanne Winters	Karen Seabright	Joelle Oliver

2018 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Clerk of Session.....Julie Squibb
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Chairperson of Worship & Music Commission.....Howard Monroe
Chairperson of Missions Commission.....Carol Obermann
Chairperson of Personnel Committee.....Beth Ann Dague

Chairpersons of Hospitality.....Sue Abraham, Rowena Baker, Carol Myers
Chairperson of Finance/Memorials Committee..... Michelle John
Chairperson of Nominating Committee.....Scott Winters
Chairperson of Stewardship Committee.....Jay Frey
Chairperson of Evangelism and Membership.....John Hargleroad
Moderator of Presbyterian Women.....Virginia Dulany

Congregational Nominating Committee for 2018

Members "at large" from our congregation:

Ginny Dulany, Sam Driehorst and Lynne Exley

Deacon: Michael Hires Elders: Geri Sloane & Scott Winters

MISSION PERSONNEL of OUR DIRECT CONCERN

Caleb & Claire (Seabright) Bermudez