

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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1st Sunday after Christmas Day

December 30, 2018 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 ~ Psalm 148

Colossians 3:12-17 ~ **Luke 2:41-52**

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child, GtG 126

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: I will proclaim the gracious deed of God;

People: the steadfast love of the Lord is great.

Leader: Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,

People: the glory of God's people and a light to all.

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

People: let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Leader: There is good news of great joy for all!

All: Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Once in Royal David's City, GtG 140

CONFESSION and time of self-examination

Leader: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all and teaching us to renounce what is evil in this world. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

All: God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, GtG 128

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Christ our Savior gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from our sin and claim us as his own people.

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

Born in the Night, Mary's Child, GtG 158

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Jane

The ANTHEM

Love Came Down

Written and Arranged by Joel Raney

A Medley of Tunes including STILLE NACHT, MENDELSSOHN, GLORIA,
SUSSEX CAROL, IL EST NÉ, ADESTE FIDELES, and IRBY
and Carol/Hymns including: *Love Came Down at Christmas;*
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling; On Christmas Night All Christians Sing;
He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child; O Come, All Ye Faithful;
Once in Royal David's City; and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTMENT READING:

1 Samuel 2:18-20

NEWER TESTMENT READING:

Luke 2:41-52

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

⌘ **SONG of AFFIRMATION**

Hark! The Herald Angel's Sing, GtG 119

⌘ **INVITATION to the OFFERING**

Leader: From the fullness of God we have all received grace upon grace. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Work of Christmas

Lyrics by Howard Thurman

Music by Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the pris'ner,
To rebuild the nations;
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music from the heart.

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins.

⌘ **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

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love: through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **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

Joy to the World, GtG

134

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ ORGAN POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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2018	2019	2020
Jay Frey	Beth Ann Dague	John Hargleroad
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Michelle John	Scott Winters	Bettie Steele

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2018	2019	2020
Kathy Hannan	Ann Bopp	Diane Crowl
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Chairperson of Finance/Memorials Committee..... Michelle John
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Chairperson of Evangelism and Membership.....John Hargleroad
Moderator of Presbyterian Women.....Virginia Dulany

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Members "at large" from our congregation:

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