

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**  
**Ordination and Installation of Officers**  
January 12, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Isaiah 43:1-7 ~ Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17 ~ Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

*Change My Heart, O God, GtG 695*

CALL to WORSHIP (Isaiah 43:1)

**Liturgist:** But now thus says the Lord, The One who created you, O Jacob, The One who formed you, O Israel:

**All: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE     *Of the Father's Love Begotten, GtG 108*

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

**Leader:** We belong to God. Nothing can break this covenant. Let us, then, with confidence approach God to honestly confess our sins in prayer.

**All: God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace, but we build walls and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE                     *Take Me to the Water, GtG 480, Vv. 2-4*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Leader:** Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: 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

*Loving Spirit, GtG 293*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

#### **The ANTHEM**

*I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL arranged by Lloyd Larson

#### **The SCRIPTURE**

##### **HEBREW TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 43:1-7

##### **NEWER TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 8:14-17

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

#### **MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Erica Harley

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

RENUNCIATIONS

PROFESSION

SONG of AFFIRMATION

*I Believe in God the Father, GtG 481*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

ANNOINTING

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION

WELCOME

INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** A generous God calls us to live generous lives. Let us present our tithes and offerings to further Christ's mission and ministry.

#### **The OFFERTORY**

*You Are Mine*

Words and Music by David Haas

Arranged by Mark Hayes

*Please refer to GtG 177.*

⌘ 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

**Bless and multiply these gifts, God, that they may be a blessing to others. May whoever benefits from these offerings know of your love for them and our desire to serve. 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      *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, GtG 700*

⌘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*, 2025.

# 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 November 2024 the Congregation supported the Church with contributions of \$13,118 which included Tithes, Offerings, Woodsdale School, and Food Pantry. For the first 11 months of 2024 our building's AVERAGE monthly repairs and maintenance expenses (excluding utilities) were \$9,998.
- We thank Rowena Baker for serving as liturgist today.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 19 immediately following the Worship Service in the Sanctuary.
- Do you know how easy, safe, and convenient it is to use our new E-giving for your tithe or offering? Very easy indeed! Just go to the church website [www.vancechurch.org](http://www.vancechurch.org) and click on the "GIVE" button on the front page. A new page will "pop-up" with a giving form you can fill out with your offering amount and payment method. You can make one-time gifts or set-up recurring gifts that will automatically withdraw from your bank account. Tithing is the foundation of giving and E-giving makes it easy to give whenever the Holy Spirit moves you toward generosity.

# Vance Calendar

Week of January 12, 2025 through January 19, 2025

## Sun. January 12

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, with Officer Ordination and Installation, Sanctuary**

## Mon. January 13

- 9:30am, YWCA All Staff Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Room
- **2pm, Celebrate Recovery Step Study, Pastor Erica's Office**
- 2pm, Ohio County Food Security Team Meeting, ZOOM
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms
- **7:00pm, Session, Squibb Room**

## Tue. January 14

- **10am, Staff Meeting, Church Office**
- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, Squibb Room
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms

## Wed. January 15

- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, Primary Chapel
- 7pm, Junior League, Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

## Thur. January 16

- 4:30pm, YWCA Board Meeting, Squibb Room
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

## Fri. January 17

## Sat. January 18

- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

## Sun. January 19

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, Robbie Clarke Room

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

## Sun. January 26

- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, Wheeler Room**