

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Isaiah 62:1-5 ~ Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 ~ John 2:1-11

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

Help Us Accept Each Other, GtG 754

CALL to WORSHIP (based on Psalm 36:7-9)

Liturgist: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink from the river of your delights.

Liturgist: For with you is the fountain of life;

All: in your light we see light.

OPENING PRAYER

Great God, your mercy is an unexpected miracle. Help us to believe and obey, that we may be filled with the wine of new life, promised in the power of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, GtG 39

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

Leader: Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

All: (based on 1 Corinthians 12:1-11) **You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Shine, Jesus, Shine, GtG 192, refrain

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service.

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

Sing of God Made Manifest, GtG 156

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Music by J. Rosamund Johnson

Words by James Weldon Johnson

Arranged by Craig Courtney

Quoting *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*,

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL and using verses 1 and 2 of **GtG 339**

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

NEWER TESTAMENT READING

John 2:1-11

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

All: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

O God, Show Mercy to Us, GtG 341

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance. Grateful for all we have been given, let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

The OFFERTORY

When Peace Shall Come

Words by John Jacobson and John Purifoy

Music based on an English Folktune

Arranged by John Purifoy

When peace shall come like early spring, a misting calm o'er ev'rything.
Sweet breath of hope from ev'ryone, we dream of days when peace shall come.

Our hungry hearts will find their bread, our starving souls shall all be fed.
The lost are found, and the captive, free. Let justice reign, let blind eyes see.

When we all turn our swords and spears into the plough and tools for peace,
Ah! only then will our hearts find rest, and only then, our trials cease.

I dream a day, when peace shall come.

⌘ 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

Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. 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 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*, **GtG 263**

⌘BENEDICTION

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⌘ Please stand if able.

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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.*
- *Our Annual Congregational Meeting is today immediately following the Worship Service in the Sanctuary.*
- *For the year ended December 31, 2024 the congregation supported the Church with contributions of \$307,584 which includes Tithes, Offerings, Woodsdale School, Food Pantry, Organ, Special Music and other gifts. For the same year, expenses to support the operations of the Church were \$784,500. The excess of expenses over contributions was withdrawn from the endowment funds in the form of interest, dividends and principal.*
- *We thank Karen DiOrio for serving as liturgist today.*
- *In 2024 the congregation received approximately \$10,000 in online giving. This remains a convenient way to turn in your tithes and offerings.*

Vance Calendar

Week of January 19, 2025 through January 26, 2025

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*

Mon. January 20

- **Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*

Tue. January 21

- 4:30pm, Susan Eison Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

Wed. January 22

- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- 7pm, Junior League, *Junior League Room, 3rd Floor*

Thur. January 23

- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**
- 6:30pm, PEO Meeting, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Fri. January 24

Sat. January 25

- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sun. January 26

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, Wheeler Room**

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