

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 ~ Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a ~ Luke 4:14-21

**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

I Will Call upon the Lord, GtG 621

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Jesus comes to proclaim good news to us all!

All: Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind,

helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord's favor!

Liturgist: May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.

All: And may it all begin with our worship of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you sent Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Gather Us In, GtG 401

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

Leader: In our day-to-day lives, we sin in a multitude of ways — by what we have done and what we have left undone. Confession allows us to unburden ourselves and lay before God our stark humanity. Let us offer our prayer, knowing that God is merciful and offers forgiveness to all who turn to God.

All: Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts, bent as they are towards ourselves, out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you, O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Help Us Accept Each Other, GtG 754, v. 4

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! God's promise to forgive is sure and everlasting. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

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**

In Christ There Is No East or West, GtG 318

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music by Beth Redman and Matt Redman

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's "all as it should be," blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

You give and take away. You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed be Your, blessed be Your name!"

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

NEWER TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:14-21

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (1 Timothy 3:16)

All: Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: Jesus was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. This is the story of our faith, and it fills us with hope. Thanks be to God! Amen.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, GtG 610

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: All that we have, all that we are, is a gift from God. Let us in turn offer our gifts to God's work in the world. Let us give our offering.

The OFFERTORY

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Arranged by R. Kevin Boesiger and Mary McDonald

Please refer to GtG 792, verses 1 and 3.

⌘ 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

Gracious God, whose love is so extravagant, we dedicate these gifts to you. May they go to share your love and care with the world. 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

To God Be the Glory, GtG 634

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

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Today's worship service liturgy is written by Tara W. Bulger, 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 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 Jeanne Finstein 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 26, 2025 through February 02, 2025

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**

Mon. January 27

- **12pm, Christian Education Commission Meeting, Squibb Room**
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Room
- 1pm, YWCA Lunch & Learn, Robbie Clarke Room
- 4:30pm, YWCA WIND Advisory Board Meeting, Wheeler Room
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting with Annual Scout Cake Bake, Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms

Tue. January 28

- **12pm, State of the City, City of Wheeling**
- 4:30pm, Susan Eison Bible Study, Squibb Room
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms

Wed. January 29

- **5pm, Pack the Bags for Woodsdale School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, Primary Chapel
- **6:15pm, EF&M Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- 7pm, Junior League, Junior League Room, 3rd Floor

Thur. January 30

- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Fri. January 31

Sat. February 01

- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

Sun. February 02

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

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

Vance Church also houses the offices of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, Young Life, Junior League, Harmony House, and Wishing Well Learning Center.