

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 2026 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Exodus 24:12-18 ~ Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

2Peter 1:16-21 ~ Matthew 17:1-9

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

CALL to WORSHIP (from Psalm 99, adapted from the Inclusive Bible translation)

Liturgist: Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice, who established honesty, justice, and righteousness.

All: God has done this! We exalt you, O God! We worship at your footstool. You are holy!

Liturgist: Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too was among those who invoked the Name; they called on God, and God answered them.

All: We exalt you, O Lord our God, and we worship you at your holy mountain; for you, O God, are holy!

OPENING PRAYER

O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above, GtG 41

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

Leader: We don't have to look very far to see the brokenness of our world: broken relationships, broken systems, broken nations, broken people. We are tired. We are worn. And we know that the world didn't get this way on its own. So, together, let us confess our part in the brokenness of things, and ask for God's help to repair and restore.

All: God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus, Celebration Hymnal 340*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is this: while we do not always – or perhaps often – get it right, God is faithful. God keeps God’s promises. Let this truth deep down seep into your weary bones: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free for life in God’s Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God!

⌘ 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 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory, GtG 190*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Preschool children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

People of the Light

Incorporating tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

Refer to **GtG 827**, O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright.

Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

O Morning Star, send forth Your light.

Bring heaven’s glory to our night.

Together, we shall praise You.

O Righteous Star, shine in this place.

Clothe us in light and perfect grace.

Awake our hearts to service.

You are holy. You are holy.

You are glory. You are worthy of our praise.

Let the church break forth with joyful music.

REFRAIN: We are people of the Light.

We are keepers of the flame,

children of the Morning Star.

We shine the glory of God’s name.

We are temples of the dawn.

We are torches burning bright,

reflections of the risen Son.

We are God’s beacon for the right.

May our altars blaze with worship.

May our candles warm the night.

Come and shine through us, Lord Jesus,

for Your glory, make us people of the Light.

Lord, may Your brilliance pour from ev’ry window.

Lord, may Your radiance shine on ev’ry face.

Lord, let the warmth of Your love show through us.

Lord, let Your light from above flow through us.
Lord, may the flame of Your Spirit renew us.
Speak once again, "Let there be Light!" REFRAIN...

The SCRIPTURE
OLDER TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:12-18

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Peter F. Jessen

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (The Nicene Creed)

All: 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; 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 worshipped 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

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd, GtG 274

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: We are created in the image of a generous God, and we participate in God's generosity when we share of what we have with one another. Not because we have to, but because we are grateful, let us a return a portion of what God has so given to us through our tithes and our offerings.

The OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
Come alive, give faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least;
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

⌘ 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 and holy God, we give you thanks for the many gifts in our lives. We are well and truly blessed. We dedicate these offerings to you. Multiply them beyond our imagining, that others might experience your love and grace, your mercy and justice. May we come to know a world where each person is enough and has enough. These things we ask boldly in Christ's name. 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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*, **GtG 65**

⌘BENEDICTION

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⌘POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

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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 The Rev. Anna Owens, and provided for free distribution by *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2026.

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.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, February 22nd immediately following the Worship Service in the Sanctuary.
- We thank Gail Looney for serving as liturgist today.
- Join us on February 18th at 7pm for our Ash Wednesday Service. We will continue to have mid-week Services on Wednesdays at noon during Lent.
- Flowers are given in memory of Virginia Crawl, by William and Diane Crawl.
- Next week is as follows:
 - Greeter is Audrey Abraham
 - Ushers are Diane Crawl, Sue Abraham, Audrey Abraham, John Looney, Ann Bopp

Vance Calendar

Week of February 15, 2026 through February 22, 2026

Sunday, February 15

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Monday, February 16

- **Office closed for President's Day Holiday**
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting/Cake Bake, *Fellowship Hall and CE Classrooms*

Tuesday, February 17

- 4pm, Susan Eison Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Scouting America Troop 6, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*

Wednesday, February 18

- **5pm, Nourish to Flourish, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- **6:15pm, EF&M Commission Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- **7pm, Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Merriman Chapel**
- 7pm, Scouting America Troop 6000, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7pm, Junior League, *Junior League Room, 3rd Floor*

Thursday, February 19

- 4:30pm, Vets with Guitars, *Merriman Chapel*
- **6pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Friday, February 20

Saturday, February 21

- 10am, Sports Card Show, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Potter Chapel*

Sunday, February 22

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Fellowship Snacks, Narthex**

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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.

The PASTOR and CHURCH STAFF  
Rev. Erica L. Harley ~ Senior Pastor  
Janet Hart ~ Clerk of Session  
Janice Carenbauer ~ Church Office Administrator  
Deborah Podolski Breiding ~ Director of Music  
Jay Carenbauer ~ Head Custodian  
Chaz Erasmus ~ Custodian  
Keith Wilson ~ Sound, Video, and Media Coordinator  
Michelle Harriman ~ Nursery Coordinator

~ MINISTERS of the CHURCH: ALL MEMBERS ~

MISSION PERSONNEL of OUR DIRECT CONCERN  
Caleb and Claire (Seabright) Bermudez

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# COMMUNITY ICE SKATING

COME JOIN THE FUN!

WHEELING PARK SKATING RINK

SUNDAY, FEB 15 FROM 1 - 3 PM

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

NEW DATE!!



PLEASE CONTACT DIANN AT  
304-312-0347 FOR QUESTIONS AND TO RSVP!