

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **Trinity Sunday**

June 15, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 ~ Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5 ~ John 16:12-15

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

**Liturgist:** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

**All: Heaven and earth are full of the glory of God!**

OPENING PRAYER

**O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all both near and far: By your spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying: Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. Amen.**

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!, GtG 1*

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

**Leader:** Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

**All: Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yours is a perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and whole. We confess that our relationships are not that way. We have been too selfish; we have given too much; we have accepted too little. We have failed to love in the manner of Jesus. We have let sin drive us away from one another and from you. We long for wholeness and peace, but our sin pulls us in other directions. Forgive us and restore us. Pull us to you. With mercy and grace, pull us to you.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

*I've Got Peace like a River, GtG 623*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Leader:** With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God relentlessly seeks us out. This is good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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

*God Is Here!*, GtG 409

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool children are dismissed to the Nursery)

#### **The ANTHEM**

##### ***Believer's Prayer***

Words by John Parker

Music by Joel Raney

Renew my mind that I may think of you.  
Unloose my tongue to sing your praise.  
Inspire my thoughts to write a song of joy!  
Guide my feet to walk in your ways.

Tune my heart and I will lift my voice;  
Plant my life, I will bloom for thee.  
Bless my hands so I may bring a gift.  
Illumine your Word that I may see!

Breathe through me; I will proclaim your love!  
Fashion me, I will comply.  
Take my life that I may live for you!  
Live through me, Lord, that I would die.  
Amen.

#### **The SCRIPTURE**

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

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

##### **GOSPEL READING**

John 16:12-15

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

#### **MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Erica Harley

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

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (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; 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      *Womb of Life and Source of Being, GtG 3*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

**The OFFERTORY**

*Unclouded Day*

From *Heavenly Home: Three American Songs*

Words and Music by Rev. J. K. Alwood (1828-1909)

Arranged by Shawn Kirchner

Presented by Members of VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY

⌘ 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

**O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our 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      *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, GtG 11*

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal  
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## *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.
- We thank Cheryl Joseph for serving as liturgist today.
- Next week is as follows:
  - Greeter is Jennifer Shearer
  - Ushers are Scott Winters, Zach Abraham, Ben Exley, Kevin Miller
  - Liturgist is Sue Abraham
  - Welcome Center Volunteer is Rowena Baker

# Vance Calendar

Week of June 15 through June 22, 2025

## Sunday, June 15 Father's Day

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**

## Monday, June 16

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- **5pm, New Believers' Bible Study, Merriman Chapel**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*

## Tuesday, June 17

- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

## Wednesday, June 18

- **Organ Tuning and Service, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- 6:15pm, EF&M Commission Meeting, *Wheeler Room*
- 7pm, Junior League, *Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

## Thursday, June 19 Juneteenth

- **Office Closed for Juneteenth Holiday**
- 4:30pm, Vets with Guitars, *Merriman Chapel*
- 5pm, Every Body Dances, *Fellowship Hall*
- **6:00pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

## Friday, June 20

## Saturday, June 21

- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Potter Chapel*

## Sunday, June 22

- **10am, Worship Service with Christina Francis preaching, 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.