

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2nd Sunday of Pentecost

June 22, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a ~ Psalm 42

Galatians 3:23-29 ~ Luke 8:26-39

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 (based on Psalm 42)

Liturgist: As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

All: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

Liturgist: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God, for we shall again praise the Lord, our help and our God.

OPENING PRAYER

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, GtG 39

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

Leader: In the prophet Isaiah, God declares a readiness to be sought out, even by those who did not ask, and a willingness to be found, even by those who do not seek. With confidence in God's readiness to receive us however we are, let us boldly pray this prayer of confession.

All: God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to you.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Near to the Heart of God, GtG 824

DECLARATION OF PARDON (from Galatians 3)

Leader: In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith; we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In 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

In Christ There Is No East or West, GtG 318

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

Days of Elijah

Words and Music by Robin Mark

Do not hesitate to join
on the *CHORUS* and the *BRIDGE*:

CHORUS:

Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

BRIDGE:

There is no god like Jehovah....

The SCRIPTURE

OLDER TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:1-15a

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Ruling Elder, Christina Francis

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from The Book of Order, F-1.0301)

All: The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world: The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation. The Church is to be a

community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION *Healer of Our Every Ill, GtG 795*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: After being healed of his affliction, Jesus told the man possessed by demons to return home and declare how much God has done for him. As a grateful testimony of what God has done for us, let us return a portion of our treasures.

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

Generous God, may these gifts empower our witness to your work in 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 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name, GtG 4*

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

VANCE CHOIR

⌘ POSTLUDE

⌘ 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 Andy Green, 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.
- We thank Sue Abraham for serving as liturgist today.
- Next week is as follows:
 - Greeter is Audrey Abraham
 - Ushers are Ed Gustkey, Frank Provance, Bob Mead, Bob Kanthers, Jeanne Finstein
 - Liturgist is Rowena Baker
 - Welcome Center Volunteer is Andy Barger

Vance Calendar

Week of June 22 through June 29, 2025

Sunday, June 22

- **10am, Worship Service with Guest Preacher, Christina Francis, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Monday, June 23

- **11am, C. E. Commission Meeting, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, *Primary Chapel*
- YWCA "Cosmetic Chemistry", *Large Kitchen*
- 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 24

- **11am, VBS Meeting, Squibb Room**
- 6:30pm, PEO Meeting, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

Wednesday, June 25

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

Thursday, June 26

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

Friday, June 27

Saturday, June 28

- **10:30am, Kidz Morning Out, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 12:00pm, Emma Weekley Scout Court of Honor
- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Potter Chapel*

Sunday, June 29

- **9am, Called Session Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- **10am, Worship Service with Baptisms, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Nominating Committee Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- **6pm, Youth Group, 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.