

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

June 29, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 ~ Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 ~ Luke 9:51-62

**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

*Jesus Calls Us, GtG 720*

CALL to WORSHIP

**Liturgist:** Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

**All: Lord, help us follow where you lead.**

**Liturgist:** Jesus said, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

**All: Lord, help us put you first and follow you.**

**Liturgist:** Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

**All: Lord, help us follow you that we may serve you.**

**Liturgist:** The peace of Christ be with all of you.

**All: And also with you. Let us worship God.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, fount of all wisdom, crown of all knowledge, give us eyes to see and minds to understand your marvelous works, that we may know you through your handiwork and use your creation to your glory; 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

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore, GtG 721*

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

*(Hebrews 4:14, 16)*

**Leader:** Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**All: Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in our baptisms and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Jesus still calls, "Follow me" and we offer excuses because we can't do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus's call and give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love. In Jesus's name we pray.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** (Titus 3:4-7)

**Liturgist:** When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit God poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by God's grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! 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**

**The ANTHEM**

*Wade in the Water*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Wade in the water, children.

God's gonna trouble the water.

Come on and wade in the healing water. You gotta wade in the water.

See that host all dressed in white. The leader looks like the Israelite.

See that band all dressed in red. Looks like the band that Moses led.

Look over yonder, what do you see? The Holy Ghost a-comin' down on me.

If you don't believe I've been redeemed

Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.

**The SCRIPTURE**

**HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

**NEWER TESTAMENT READING:**

Luke 9:51-62

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

**MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Erica L. Harley

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

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

## ⌘PRESENTATION

## ⌘PROFESSION OF FAITH

## ⌘APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## ⌘THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

## ⌘BAPTISMS

## ⌘WELCOME

## ⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise, GtG 486, Vv. 1 and 4*

## ⌘INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** When Jesus sent his disciples on their mission, he told them, "Freely, you have received, freely give." Surely the same applies to us as followers of Jesus today. We are who we are, and we have what we have because of God's grace freely given in Jesus Christ. With grateful hearts, let us present our tithes and offerings.

### The OFFERTORY

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Words and Music by Kathleen Thomerson

Arranged by Tom Trenney

*Please refer to GtG 377.*

## ⌘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 loving God, we thank you for the undeserved blessings you give us. Most of all, we thank and praise you for your indescribable gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Give us grateful hearts and willing lives so we may follow our Lord where he leads us and serve our Lord as he calls us. 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

*The Summons, GtG 726*

⌘BENEDICTION

⌘BENEDICTION RESPONSE     *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian, GtG 729*

⌘ 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 Philip Gladden  
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 Rowena Baker for serving as liturgist today.
- Next week is as follows:
  - Greeter is Andy Barger
  - Ushers are Ed Gustkey, Frank Provance, Bob Mead, Bob Kanter, Jeanne Finstein
  - Liturgist is Scott Winters
  - Welcome Center Volunteer is Janice Carenbauer
  - Communion Servers are Zach Abraham, Chase Burdick, Cheryl Joseph

# Vance Calendar

Week of June 29 through July 06, 2025

## Sun. 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**

## Mon. June 30

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

## Tue. July 01

- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*

## Wed. July 02

- **4:30pm, Building & Property Commission Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- **6pm, Worship & Music Commission Meeting, Squibb Room**
- 7pm, Jr. League, *Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

## Thur. July 03

- 3pm, UOVP Executive Round Table, *UOVP Resource Center*
- 4:30pm, Vets with Guitars, *Merriman Chapel*
- 5pm, Every Body Dances, *Fellowship Hall*
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**
- 6:30pm, UOVP Committee on Ministry, *ZOOM*

## Fri. July 04 Independence Day

- **Church Office closed for Independence Day Holiday**

## Sat. July 05

- 7pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

## Sun. July 06

- **10am, Communion Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- **6pm, Ice Cream Social, Fellowship Hall**

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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.