

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Hosea 1:2-10 ~ Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15 ~ Luke 11:1-13

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 9 and Psalm 33)

Liturgist: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

All: I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

Liturgist: I will be glad and exult in you;

All: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Liturgist: Our soul waits for the Lord; the Lord is our help and shield.

All: Our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.

Liturgist: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your Word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that, believing in the One whom you have sent, we may know true bread of heaven and food of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Seek Ye First, GtG 175

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

Leader: The psalmist King David wrote, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the guilt of my sin.'" Let us confess our sin before God and one another, assured of God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

God Is So Good, GtG 658

DECLARATION OF PARDON (Galatians 5:13)

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become

those who serve one another. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. 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

⌘ SONG of ILLUMINATION *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door, GtG 728*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Words and Music by Ken Medema

Please refer to GtG 469.

Arranged by Joel Raney

With a reference to *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Words by William Walford and Music by William B. Bradbury

"Sweet hour of prayer that calls me from a world of care."

The SCRIPTURE

OLDER TESTAMENT READING

Hosea 1:2-10

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:1-13

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

MORNING MESSAGE

"Sideline Living"

Diann Nickerson

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from The Confession of 1967)

All: In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to [Godself]. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us, the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete [God's] mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we say about God, ourselves, and the world.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven, GtG 464

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING (2 Corinthians 8:5)

Leader: The apostle Paul commended the churches of Macedonia with these words for their generosity, "They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us." As a sign of our dedication to God, let us present our tithes and offerings with abundant joy for all God has done for us.

The OFFERTORY

Take My Life and Let It Be

Music by Kevin A. Memley

Incorporating HENDON (H. A. César Malan)

Lyrics by Frances R. Havergal, 1874

Please refer to GtG 697.

⌘ 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, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. With glad and generous hearts, we give back what rightfully belongs to you. With open hearts and willing hands, may we joyfully use your gifts to share the good news of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift to this 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

God, How Can We Forgive, GtG 445

⌘ 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 Joanne Winters for serving as liturgist today.
- Pastor Erica is away this week at the Celebrate Recovery National Summit. Please call if you need, 608-322-2522. Prayers are also requested for her pet sitters.
- Next week is as follows:
 - Greeter is Janice Carenbauer
 - Ushers are Drew Seabright, Russ Green, Tom John, Andy Barger, Roger Cain
 - Liturgist is Michelle John

Vance Calendar

Week of July 27 through August 03, 2025

Sunday, July 27

- **10am, Worship Service with Diann Nickerson, Sanctuary**

Monday, July 28

- **11am, Christian Education Commission Meeting, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*

Tuesday, July 29

Wednesday, July 30

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

Thursday, July 31

- 4:30pm, Vets with Guitars, *Merriman Chapel*
- **6:00pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

Friday, August 01

Saturday, August 02

- 9:30am, Baby Shower, *Fellowship Hall & Large Kitchen*
- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Potter Chapel*

Sunday, August 03

- **10am, Communion Worship Service with Rev. Peter Jessen, 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.