

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

August 03, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Hosea 11:1-11 ~ Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3:1-11 ~ Luke 12:13-21

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

## *LET THE CHILDREN COME*

### GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP (based on Psalm 107)

**Liturgist:** O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

**All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**Liturgist:** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble;

**All: They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.**

**Liturgist:** Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*Come Share the Lord, GtG 510*

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

**Leader:** We are called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. However, our lives are too often insular and self-absorbed. We have not loved God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make a sincere confession before God and others.

**All: God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy, GtG 551*

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Leader:** The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be Your people.

**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**

## ⌘ SONG of ILLUMINATION

*Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us, GtG 44*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

### **The ANTHEM**

*For the Cause*

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristin Getty, and Stuart Townend

Arranged by James Koerts

For the cause of Christ the King we give our lives, an offering  
'til all the earth resounds with ceaseless praise to the Son.

For the cause of Christ we go with joy to reap, with faith to sow,  
as many see and many put their trust in the Son.

*REFRAIN:* Christ we proclaim, the name above ev'ry name:  
for all creation, ev'ry nation, God's salvation through the Son.

For the King once lifted high to cries of rage, of "crucify!"  
endured the cross as ev'ry sin was laid on the Son.

To the King who conquered death to free the poor and the oppressed;  
for lasting peace, for life and liberty in the Son. *REFRAIN...*

Let it be my life's refrain: to live is Christ, to die is gain,  
deny myself, take up my cross the follow the Son.

*REFRAIN...*

### **The SCRIPTURE**

**HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:**

Hosea 11:1-11

**NEWER TESTAMENT READING:**

Luke 12:13-21

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

## **MORNING MESSAGE**

Rev. Peter F. Jessen

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

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (The Apostle's 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, GtG 716*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

**Leader:** The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return. *(congregation may be seated)*

**The OFFERTORY**

*Give Thanks*

Words and Music by Henry Smith

Arranged by Vicki Tucker Courtney

*Please refer to GtG 647.*

⌘ 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, may these gifts serve as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.** *(congregation may be seated)*

## **The SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Leader:** This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

### **Great Thanksgiving**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Leader:** Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful. Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

**All Sing:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

### **Words of Institution**

**Leader:** We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you and for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

**Leader:** Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Sing: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Leader:** Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**All Sing: Amen, amen, amen.**

**All please join in singing.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

**Our Father, which 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, Amen.**

**Leader:** Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Jesus also said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst. The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of Cup

### Communion of the People

#### Prayer after Communion

**Leader:** God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds**

⌘ CLOSING HYMN

*When the Poor Ones, GtG 762*

⌘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 Roger Gench 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](https://facebook.com/VancePresbyterian). Remote listeners can go to [vancechurch.org](https://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 Michelle John for serving as liturgist today.
- Next week is as follows:
  - Ushers are Scott Winters, Zach Abraham, Ben Exley, Kevin Miller
  - Greeter is Denise Williamson
  - Liturgist is Drew Seabright
  - Welcome Center Volunteer is Audrey Abraham

## **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 Erazmus ~ 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**

# Vance Calendar

Week of August 03, 2025 through August 10, 2025

## Sunday, August 03

- **10am, Communion Worship Service with Rev. Peter F. Jessen, Sanctuary**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship Group, *Robbie Clarke Room*

## Monday, August 04

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- 1pm, UOVP Peacemaking Committee, *General Presbyters Office*

## Tuesday, August 05

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

## Wednesday, August 06

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

## Thursday, August 07

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

## Friday, August 08

## Saturday, August 09

- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *Potter Chapel*

## Sunday, August 10

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