

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Isaiah 5:1-7 ~ Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 ~ Luke 12:49-56

**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

Please sign and pass the fellowship pad to the inside aisle.

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

He Who Began a Good Work in You
The Celebration Hymnal, #537

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

People: **Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.**

Leader: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: **Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

OPENING PRAYER

Great God, open our ears and humble our hearts as we worship you and proclaim your Word this day. May we listen, discern, and follow the path you intend for us. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

Men of Faith, Rise up and Sing: Shout to the North, GtG 319

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

Leader: Our sins and shortcomings are not permanent obstacles to God. Grace and forgiveness are freely given. Let us take this opportunity to humbly approach our God and confess our sins.

All: Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action. Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Lead Me, Lord
The Celebration Hymnal, #695

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist: God's love is sure and steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven and return to right relationship with God.

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**

To Abraham and Sarah: I Will Be Your God, GtG 51

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The ANTHEM

Walk by Faith!

Words by J. Paul Williams

Music by Joel Raney

By faith, Noah built an ark in the midst of doubts and fear.

By faith, he waited patiently till the plan of God was clear.

By faith, David slew Goliath with a mighty blow.

By faith, Moses spoke for God, saying "Let my people go!"

He walked by faith! O walk, walk by faith!

By faith, Esther told the king Haman was an evil man.

By faith, the Israelites were saved, according to God's plan.

By faith, Deb'rah told Barak that peace would be restored.

By faith, Hannah prayed to God and a son was her reward!

She walked by faith! Walk by faith!

By faith, Jesus came to earth, in lowly human frame.

By faith, he obeyed the plan that God in heaven made.

By faith, we will walk each day, his spirit by our side;

by faith, we will find our way, by faith and not by sight!

O walk, walk by faith! Oh, walk, we'll walk by faith!

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 5:1-7

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 12:49-56

EPISTLE READING:

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From *The Belhar Confession*

We believe that God has revealed himself as that one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

- **that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged.**
- **that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;**
- **that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;**
- **that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;**
- **that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;**
- **that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;**
- **that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream;**
- **that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

O Jesus, I Have Promised, **GtG 725**

MOMENT TO CELEBRATE VANCE CHURCH'S HISTORY

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Luke 12:48 tells us "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." As blessed children of the Creator, let us present our tithes and offerings to God. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

with Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Arranged by Mark Brymer

Jesus, keep me near the cross
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross!

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.
In the cross, In the cross.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.
In the cross!

⌘ 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

The bounty of summer is upon us. God's table is filled with a feast beyond our wildest dreams. We are grateful to be God's welcome guest. May the gifts we give during this offering bless others as we have been blessed. Amen. *(congregation may be seated)*

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 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*, **GtG 817**

⌘BENEDICTION

⌘BENEDICTION RESPONSE

⌘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 Rev. Teri McDowell Ott
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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
- Attendance in worship last Sunday was 74. Giving for the month of July was \$11,822.
- We thank Julie Squibb for serving as liturgist today.
- Member Danna Tyska is temporarily in a rehab center to help her with her mobility. Her address there is Rolling Hills Rehabilitation and Care Center, ATTN: Danna Tyska, 68222 Commercial Drive, Bridgeport, OH 43912.
- Sunday, August 21, 2022 there will be special Worship in Fellowship Hall at 10am to bless any children, teachers, or other school personnel as they head back to school for the new year. We will be inviting our friends from Woodsdale Elementary School and will say a special blessing for the Wishing Well Learning Center.
- The next Kidz Evening Out is a Washington Wild Things Baseball game with fireworks on Friday, August 19, 2022 at 7pm. This is a free event for Vance Kidz and guests and adult congregants. Seating is limited so participants must RSVP to Pastor Erica or the church office by Thursday, August 18th.
- Deacons are collecting school supplies for our Partner in Education, Woodsdale Elementary School. Donations are accepted in the bins located near the church entrances. Clorox wipes/Lysol spray, Dry erase markers (expo), Plastic Sandwich baggies, Tissues, Glue Sticks (Elmer's), Highlighters, 24 pack of Crayons (Crayola), Composition Notebooks, Notebooks (1 & 3 subject), Pencils (pre-sharpened Ticonderoga), Scissors (Fiskars-blunt), Markers (Crayola-Washable), Plastic Folders, Pencil Box or Pouch, Colored Pencils (Crayola 12 pk), 3x5 index cards, Large Eraser, Loose Leaf Paper, Pens, Post-it Notes, 3-Ring Binders.

- Today, Sunday, August 14th from 5-8pm, is a Picnic & Pool Party for the church at Wheeling Country Club. A fully catered picnic dinner will be served. All are welcome even if you prefer not to swim.

Vance Calendar

Week of August 14, 2022 through August 21, 2022

Sun. Aug. 14

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **5pm, Picnic & Pool Party, Wheeling Country Club**

Mon. Aug. 15

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*

Tue. Aug. 16

- 6:30pm, Girl Scout Black Diamond Council, *Fellowship Hall*

Wed. Aug. 17

- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *C.E. Chapel*
- **7pm, Handbell Practice, Sanctuary**
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thur. Aug. 18

- 12pm, Presbytery Pastor's Bible Study, *Potter Chapel*

Fri. Aug. 19

- **7pm, Kidz Evening Out Wild Things Game, Washington, PA**

Sat. Aug. 20

- 8:30pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sun. Aug. 21

- **10am, SPECIAL Worship Service, Fellowship Hall**
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, Squibb 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, and Harmony House, and Wishing Well Learning Center.