

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Jeremiah 1:4-10 ~ Psalm 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29 ~ Luke 13:10-17

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 71)

Liturgist: In you, O God, we seek refuge;

All: In your justice, deliver us.

Liturgist: Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress, because You are our rock and fortress.

All: For you, O Lord, are our hope and trust.

Liturgist: Our praise is continually of you.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; 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

I Danced in the Morning, GtG 157

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

Leader: God in Christ has called us to be witnesses to the promised and coming commonwealth that we know in Christ. However, we have failed in our calling because we don't trust in God's promised presence among us. Let us confess our sins:

All: O God, our creator, sustainer and redeemer, we confess our feelings of exile and alienation, and we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when, in fact, you are most present to us. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might realize our calling as disciples of Jesus.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

I Love You, Lord, GtG 627

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: The God who hung the stars and the moon has come close to each and all with mercy and love. Hear the good news of the gospel, we are forgiven and empowered by God's Spirit to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.

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

Healer of Our Every Ill, GtG 795

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

LIGHT OF MINE: African American Spiritual

Arranged by Mark Patterson

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

I'm gonna let it shine 'til Jesus comes...

Take this little light and let it shine, shine, shine!

The SCRIPTURE

OLDER TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-17

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

MORNING MESSAGE

"Look Into the Face of Jesus and Be Well!"

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

All: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

We Cannot Measure How You Heal, GtG 797

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: The God of all creation, who has stretched out the heavens and called the stars by name, also gives us strength for our journey. Let us now respond with gratitude to God's empowering presence by giving of our resources in return.

The OFFERTORY

Steal Away

Presented by Dr. Alan Cline, baritone

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

Please refer to GtG 358.

Note again the title of today's Message:

"Look Into the Face of Jesus and Be Well!".

⌘ 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, we give you thanks for the gifts of creation, and for the gift of life itself. We dedicate our resources to you, trusting and hoping that they will build up your work in our 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

Here I Am, Lord, **GtG 69**

⌘ 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
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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 Frank Provance for serving as liturgist today.
- Next week is as follows:
 - Greeter is Jen Shearer
 - Ushers are Ed Gustkey, Frank Provance, Bob Mead, Bob Kanters, Jeanne Finstein
 - Liturgist is Karen DiOrio

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 Erasmus ~ 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 24, 2025 through August 31, 2025

Sunday, August 24

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Nominating Committee Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- **6pm, Youth Group, Robbie Clarke Room**

Monday, August 25

- Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
- **11am, Christian Education Commission Meeting, Squibb Room**
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Room
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms
- 7pm, WSO Community Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 26

- 7pm, Scouting America Troops 6 and 6000, Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

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

Friday, August 29

Saturday, August 30

- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, Potter Chapel

Sunday, August 31

- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **12noon, Kidz Morning Out Pool Party, Home of Russ & Amber Green**
- 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.