

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 ~ Psalm 9:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19 ~ Luke 16:19-31

**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

On Eagle's Wings, GtG 43, verse 1

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long...who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

People: **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

Leader: The Lord watches over strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

People: **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you are above all, and in all, and through all. Every joy and delight of life is a gift given to remind us of your glory. The flora and fauna of all creation tell of your creative power. We are grateful. Bless us in this hour that we might sing your praises, confess our sin, contemplate your word, and bring our offerings for the good of creation. All of these things we pray in Jesus' name, and for his sake. Amen.

⌘ OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

God Will Take Care of You,
The Celebration Hymnal, #692

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

Leader: Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not now that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, so we too might walk in newness of

life. Let us then confess our sin to our God, who has made us, who knows us, and who loves us. Let us pray:

All: Holy God, giver of all that is good, we recognize that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. So why do we treat life as though you are stingy with us? Why do we believe we must hoard our blessings? It is our sin that makes us live as though we don't trust your goodness. So forgive us we pray. Teach us again what it is to rely upon you. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace and goodwill, that our hearts might overflow from the fullness of your love.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *On Eagle's Wings, GtG 43, verse 2*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Liturgist: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is a gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one might boast. For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand to be our way to life. Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we 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

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION *When the Poor Ones, GtG 762*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The ANTHEM

Majestic Holy One

Words and Music by Cindy Berry

Lord, You know my heart and mind;
in You alone I find unfailing love.
Lord, You saved me by Your grace,
prepared for me a place in heav'n above.
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies;
righteous are all Your ways.
Majestic, O Lord, is Your name on high;
I will serve You for all of my days.
I will give You my highest praise.

REFRAIN: My God and King, to You I sing.
To You I lift my voice to magnify Your name,
Redeemer of my soul.
In all I say, in all I do,
Lord, may my life bring praise and glory to You,
majestic Holy One.

With all my heart and soul and strength,
I will serve You, Lord,
and walk in Your paths of light.
May I be Your humble servant,
strengthened by Your glorious might,
strengthened by Your might. *REFRAIN...*

The SCRIPTURE

NEWER TESTAMENT EPISTLE READING:

1 Timothy 6:6-19

NEWER TESTAMENT GOSPEL READING:

Luke 16:19-31

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The 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 Pilot, 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.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

On Eagle's Wings, GtG 43, verse 3

MOMENT TO CELEBRATE VANCE CHURCH'S HISTORY

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: All that we have, all that we are is from God. Remembering the abundant life God has offered us, let us dedicate a portion to return to God, the giver of all. The offering will now be received.

(congregation may be seated)

The OFFERTORY

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Adapted and Arranged by Ed Lojeski

Please refer to GtG 834.

⌘ 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

Eternal God, from the abundance of your creation we have all we need. You have blessed us richly. Bless us again by receiving these gifts, multiplying them and using them, that we might see your kingdom at work among us, through Christ our Lord.

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

God Be with You Till We Meet Again, GtG 542

⌘ 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 Baron Mullis
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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 TBA. Giving for the month of August was \$11,955.
- We thank Jeanne Finstein for serving as liturgist today.
- 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.
- The adult Sunday school class began a five-week series by Ray Vander Laan, *The Promised Land*, on September 18 in Potter Chapel at 9:00. Come to watch the video and enjoy a donut!
- Our third Vespers experience is tonight, September 25th at 6:00pm in the church parking lot. We will begin with a steak fry with ribeyes, baked potatoes, and garden salad. Congregants are asked to bring their own place setting including steak knives. After dinner there will be a brief vespers service.
- Vance Church has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 09, 2022, immediately following the worship service in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing church officers and the 2023 nominating committee.

Vance Calendar

Week of September 25, 2022 through October 02, 2022

Sun. Sep. 25

- **9am, Children's and Adult Sunday School, C.E. Building**
- **10:00-10:45am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **6pm, Vesper's Steak Fry, Vance Church Parking Lot**

Mon. Sep. 26

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- 12pm, Red Cross Blood Drive; *Fellowship Hall*
- **6pm, C.E. Commission, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Pack 6, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7:30pm, Young Life, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Tue. Sep. 27

- **10am, Staff Meeting, Erica's Office**
- 1:30pm, Presbytery 50th Commission, *UOVP Resource Center*
- 7pm, Boy Scouts Troop 6, *Fellowship Hall*

Wed. Sep. 28

- **5pm, EFM Committee, Squibb Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *C.E. Chapel*
- **6pm, MO & CS, Squibb Room**
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thur. Sep. 29

- 12pm, Presbytery Pastor's Bible Study, *Potter Chapel*
- 6pm, Girl Scout Troop 10285, *Fellowship Hall*

Fri. Sep. 30

Sat. Oct. 01

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

Sun. Oct. 02 – World Communion Sunday

- **9am, Children's and Adult Sunday School, C.E. Building**
- **10am, Communion Worship Service, Sanctuary**

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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.