VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 04, 2026 ▪ 10:00 a.m.

Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 ~ Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14 ~ Matthew 21:33-46

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

HYMN PRELUDE
One Bread, One Body, **GtG 530**

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP **(from Luke 13:29)**
Liturgist: People will come from east and west,
All: from north and south,
Liturgist: and will eat in the kingdom of God.
All: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

OPENING PRAYER
God of mercy, have mercy on us. God of wisdom, illumine our minds. God of light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. God of Power, be our refuge and our strength, now and forever. Amen.

⌘**OPENING HYMN of PRAISE** *O God, Who Gives Us Life,* **GtG 53**

CONFESSION and time of self-examination *(congregation may be seated)*
Leader: Sin is our stumbling block. Repentance clears the way to hear and receive God's truth. Let us confess our sins together.
All: Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for Jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy,* **GtG 551**
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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DECLARATION OF PARDON **(2 Corinthians 5:17; *Book of Common Worship*)**
Liturgist: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
All: 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** *I Long for Your Commandments,* **GtG 64**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The ANTHEM
"In Christ Alone"
by Don Koch and Shawn Craig,
as performed by Michael English,
by Haley and Evan Williams

The SCRIPTURE
GOSPEL READING:
Matthew 21:33-46
HEBREW BIBLE READING:
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
The word of the Lord … **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE
Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

⌘ **SONG of AFFIRMATION**
For Everyone Born (A Place at the Table), **GtG 769**

⌘INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: We are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY

"Praise You in This Storm"
by Casting Crowns,
by Haley and Evan Williams

⌘ 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

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in liberating the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen. *(congregation may be seated)*

The SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

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".

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
Hymns to be sung by ALL
as Communion is served:
Come, Share the Lord, **GtG 510**
Let Us Break Bread Together, **GtG 525**
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart, **GtG 523**

Prayer after Communion

Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds

⌘ CLOSING HYMN
This Is the Day that the Lord Has Made, **The Celebration Hymnal #209**

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

⌘BENEDICTION

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I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, **GtG 700**

⌘ 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 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

- 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 Scott Winters for serving as liturgist today.

- Join us tomorrow evening here at Vance at 6pm for Messy Church!

- **Mark your calendars for October 18th at 5pm for our Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for the Street Family!**

- Trunk or Treat is coming soon! See the Sign-Up in the Narthex.

- Next week is as follows:
    - Greeter is Marjorie Easton
    - Liturgist is Sue Abraham
    - Ushers are Diane Crowl, Sue Abraham, Audrey Abraham, John Looney, and Ann Bopp

Vance Calendar

Week of October 04, 2026 through October 11, 2026

Sun. October 04 – World Communion Sunday

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, *C.E. Classrooms***
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, *Robbie Clarke Room***
- **10am, World Communion Worship Service, *Sanctuary***
- **11:15am, Christian Education Commission Meeting, *Robbie Clarke Room***

Mon. October 05 Pastor Erica on vacation October 5 – October 10

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- 1pm, UOVP Peacemaking Committee, *General Presbyters Office*
- **6pm, Messy Church, *Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church***
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Pack 6, *Fellowship Hall and C.E. Classrooms, 2nd Floor*

Tue. October 06

- 4:00pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Scouting America Troop 6, *Fellowship Hall and C.E. Classrooms, 2nd Floor*

Wed. October 07

- 10am, Elizabeth Blake, WV SHIP, *Wheeler Room*
- **4:30pm, Building & Property Commission Meeting, *Wheeler Room***
- **5pm, Nourish to Flourish, *Robbie Clarke Room***
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*
- 6pm, Scouting America Troop 6000, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thur. October 08

- 4:30pm, Vets with Guitars, *Merriman Chapel*
- **5:00pm, Community Dinner, *Fellowship Hall***
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, *Merriman Chapel***

Fri. October 09

Sat. October 10

- 10am, PEO Luncheon, *Fellowship Hall*
- 8:30pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sun. October 11

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, *C.E. Classrooms***
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, *Robbie Clarke Room***
- **10am, Worship Service, *Sanctuary***
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, *Wheeler Room***
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship 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.

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