

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**World Communion Sunday**

**October 05, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.**



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

Lamentations 1:1-6 ~ Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14 ~ Luke 17:5-10

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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness, GtG 39*

## CHIMES

*Let the Children Come*

## GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 24:1, 116:12-13)

**Liturgist:** The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

**All: the world and those who live in it.**

**Liturgist:** What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

**All: We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. Gather your church in unity, by your Holy Spirit, that it may manifest your power among all peoples to the glory of your name; 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

*Lord, When I Came into This Life, GtG 691*

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

**Leader:** Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

**All: As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus.**

## SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

## SUNG RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy, GtG 551*

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

**Liturgist:** Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, across time and space and through the generations,

God seeks us out. This is good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

⌘ 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

*If You Only Had Faith, GtG 176*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

The ANTHEM

*One Bread, One Body*

Words and Music by John Foley

Arranged by Mark Hayes

*Please refer to GtG 530.*

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Psalm 137

NEWER TESTMENT READING:

Luke 17:5-10

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:** On World Communion Sunday, we are especially mindful of our connection to the global church, and our call to work for peace and justice. Our financial gifts add to our offerings of time, energy, and love as we seek to be people of peace and reconciliation. We have received in abundance from God. From that abundance, let us give, joyfully and generously. *(congregation may be seated)*

**The OFFERTORY**

Presented by Members of VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY

*In Remembrance of Me*

TEXT: Ragan Courtney: MUSIC: Buryl Red

*Please refer to GtG 521.*

**⌘ 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, we trust in the provision of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer sow seeds of peace and justice. Enable us to use them according to your will, until each child finds welcome, and all of creation is healed and reconciled to you. 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**

Selections from *Shepherd Songs*:

*12 Meditations on Psalm 23*

Music by Joel Raney

Dr. Gail Looney, flute

*Aspiration:*

“He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake...”

*Courage:*

“I will fear no evil for Thou art with me...”

#### **Prayer after Communion**

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

⌘ CLOSING HYMN                      *God of Grace and God of Glory, GtG 307*

⌘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 John Wurster and Keatan King  
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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](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 Sue Abraham for serving as liturgist today.
- Trunk or Treat is coming soon! See the Sign-Up in the Narthex.
- Next week is as follows:
  - Greeter is Roger Cain
  - Ushers are Scott Winters, Zach Abraham, Ben Exley, Kevin Miller
  - Liturgist is Rowena Baker
  - Welcome Center Volunteer is Jane Hare

# Vance Calendar

Week of October 05, 2025 through October 12, 2025

## Sun. Oct. 05 – World Communion Sunday

- **8:30am, Men's Study, Merriman Chapel**
- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, World Communion Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **6pm, Youth Group, Fellowship Hall**

## Mon. Oct. 06

- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Conference Room
- 1pm, UOVP Peacemaking Committee, General Presbyters Office
- **6pm, Messy Church, Schwertfeger Shelter, Wheeling Park**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Pack 6, Fellowship Hall and C.E. Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## Tue. Oct. 07

- 4:00pm, Susan Eison Bible Study, Squibb Room
- **5pm, Marketing Task Force Meeting with Ashley, Squibb Room**
- 7pm, Scouting America Troop 6, Fellowship Hall and C.E. Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## Wed. Oct. 08

- **5pm, Nourish to Flourish, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall
- 7pm, Jr. League, JL 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Room
- 7pm, Scouting America Troop 6000, Fellowship Hall

## Thur. Oct. 09

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

## Fri. Oct. 10

## Sat. Oct. 11

- 2pm, Benjamin Erazmus Birthday Party, Fellowship Hall
- 8:30pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

## Sun. Oct. 12

- **8:30am, Men's Study, Merriman Chapel**
- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 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 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**



**Messy Church**

An opportunity to learn about Jesus with friends and family!

**COME AND JOIN US!**

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
OCT 6 - WHEELING PARK @  
SCHWERTFEGER SHELTER  
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME

FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY  
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES & MUSIC  
DINNER & SNACKS

**WHAT KIND OF CHURCH IS THIS?**

- Learning about who Jesus is and how he loves us.
- Stories and activities have a central theme to help us learn more about Jesus.
- Sharing a meal with other families.
- Live music to help bring the stories to life.
- Casual - friendly - stress-free!
- Intergenerational - everyone comes to learn and share!

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The flyer includes several photographs of children and families engaged in various activities: a boy drawing, a girl coloring, a boy eating, and two boys playing with blocks. The background is light blue with decorative stars and a heart.