

# **VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **21st Sunday after Pentecost**

October 13, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



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

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 ~ Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16 ~ Mark 10:17-31

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

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

*Step by Step, GtG 743*

CALL to WORSHIP (from Psalm 136:1-3)

**Liturgist:** O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

**All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**Liturgist:** O give thanks to the God of gods,

**All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**Liturgist:** O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**Liturgist: Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, you have made heaven and earth and all that is good; and in Jesus Christ you show us that the secret of joy is a heart set free from selfish desires. Help us to delight in simple things and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, GtG 12*

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

**Leader:** Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest". Trusting in God's gracious mercy through Jesus Christ, let us confess the sin that separates us from God and our neighbors. Let us pray.

**All: Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives.**

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (based on 1 Timothy 1:15)

**Leader:** The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

**All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**

**Leader:** Children of God, hear and believe the 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

*Take My Life, GtG 697*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

**The ANTHEM**

*Keepers of the Faith*

Words by Joseph M. Martin and Timothy Dwight (1752-1817)

Music by Joseph M. Martin

Incorporating tune: *ST. THOMAS* by Aaron Williams (1731-1776)

We love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

We are keepers of the faith, seekers of the Light,  
people of the promise, and music in the night,  
children of compassion, instruments of praise.

Make our hearts Your dwelling place.

Fill us with Your love and grace,  
Lord, this we pray.

Help us to be keepers of the faith.

Lord, You have filled us with Your power from above,  
crowned us with purpose and clothed us in Your love,  
filled with Your Spirit, we answer now the call.

To You we dedicate our all.

We love Your church, O God. We give You all the praise.  
Make us true servants of the cross and keepers of the faith.

Make us keepers of the faith.  
We Love Your church, O God

The SCRIPTURE  
HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

NEWER TESTAMENT READING

Mark 10:17-31

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica Harley

**Responding to God's Word**

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from A Declaration of Faith)

**Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.**

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

*The Summons, GtG 726*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING (based on 2 Corinthians 9:12)

**Leader:** When the Apostle Paul called for Gentile Christians to contribute to the offering for the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem, he reminded them, "for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." Mindful of and grateful for the many blessings we have received from God, let us give generously that we may supply the needs of the saints and overflow with thanksgivings to God.

**The OFFERTORY**

*I Surrender All*

Words by Judson W. van de Venter, 1855-1939

Music by Winfield S. Weeden, 1847-1908

Arranged by Mark Hayes

All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give,  
and I will ever love and trust, Him,  
In His presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;

Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine.

I surrender all, Lord,  
I will trust You with my all.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and Thy power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

Jesus, I can trust in You,  
How I want to do Your will;  
Come and take complete control,  
Come and heal my wounded soul...

⌘ 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

**Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from you, our heavenly Father. 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

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*, **GtG 729**

⌘ BENEDICTION

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⌘ 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**

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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.
- For the month of September, general tithes and offerings totaled \$18,703.
- We thank Joanne Winters for serving as liturgist today.
- Chancel flowers have been given in honor of loved ones, by William, Virginia, and Diane Crowl.
- Dear Vance Church Congregation,  
We wanted to sincerely thank you all for the diaper donations. Baby B and I appreciate all the hard work you have done. When we started this journey, we hoped my sister would come back and eventually get baby B back. Losing your sister and taking guardianship of a little baby is a hard situation. We are lucky to have found you all to help us on this journey. Baby B is thriving with us. He has gained 2 pounds in less than a month. He is enrolled in daycare. His newfound sister loves him so much, she calls him Bubby. I wanted to share our gratitude and give you a life update.  
Thank you so much,  
Mama K and Baby B



# Vance Calendar

Week of October 13, 2024 through October 20, 2024

## Sun. October 13

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **6pm, Youth Group, Fellowship Hall**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, *Robbie Clarke Room*

## Mon. October 14

- **Church Office closed for Indigenous Peoples Day**
- 9:30am, YWCA Parenting Class, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall*
- 6:30pm, WLU Community Choir Practice, *Squibb Room*
- **7pm, Session Meeting, Squibb Room**

## Tue. October 15

- **10am, Staff Meeting, Church Office**
- 1pm, Ohio County Adult Services Coalition, *Potter Chapel*
- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

## Wed. October 16

- 9am, Wheeling Lions Club Annual Spaghetti Dinner, *Fellowship Hall & Large Kitchen*
- **5pm, Woodsdale School Food Bag Packing, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- 7pm, Junior League, *Junior League Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

## Thur. October 17

- 5pm, YWCA Board Meeting, *Squibb Room*
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**

## Fri. October 18

- Jenn Rohrig – Lip Sync, *Fellowship Hall*

## Sat. October 19

- **10:30am, Kidz Morning Out, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 12pm, Celebration of Life for Brianna Inman, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

## Sun. October 20

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, CE Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Adult Sunday School, The Chosen, Squibb Room**
- **11:15am, Called Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary**

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**Vance Church events are in bold type.**