

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Job 38:1-7 ~ Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10 ~ Mark 10:35-45

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

Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Op. 33
First movement: Allegro non Troppo
Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)
Eddie Lee, cello

CHIMES

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Let Us Come to Worship God, GtG 387

CALL to WORSHIP (based on Mark 10:35-45)

Liturgist: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve. Let us follow Christ, not seeking glory, but ways to serve.

All: Called to worship, we bow humbly before our God.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through 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

Jesu, Jesu, GtG 203

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

Leader: Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us embrace this time of confession with honesty and humility.

All: Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

You Are My All in All, GtG 519

DECLARATION OF PARDON (Book of Common Worship)

Leader: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. 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

The Servant Song, GtG 727

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool Children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

They'll Know We Are Christians

Words and Music by Peter Scholtes

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Please refer to GtG 300.

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING

Job 38:1-7

NEWER TESTAMENT READING

Mark 10:35-45

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Book of Common Worship; Philippians 2:5-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

Take Up Your Cross, GtG 718

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Let us give and live generously in response to all that God has done for us. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

The OFFERTORY

Unaccompanied Cello Suite No. 1, BWV 1007

First Movement: Prelude

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Eddie Lee, cello

Bach's cello suites have been called "among the most profound of all classical music works" and have been described as "Monophonic music wherein a man has created a dance of God." They are considered some of Bach's greatest musical achievements. This movement especially has been transcribed for numerous other instruments and has been part of the soundtrack of several movies including "The Pianist". Let us give thanks for the talents God has bestowed upon us...

⌘ 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, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. 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 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*, **GtG 320**

⌘BENEDICTION

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⌘ Please stand if able.

GtG=Glory to God Hymnal

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Today's worship service liturgy is written by Teri McDowell Ott, and provided for free distribution by *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2024.

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 2024 the Congregation supported the Church with contributions of \$24,659 which included tithes, offerings, Woodsdale School Food Bags, and Special Music Performances. Expenses for the same time period were \$32,022 for personnel wages and benefits.*
- *We thank Rowena Baker for serving as liturgist today.*
- *Do you know how easy, safe, and convenient it is to use our new E-giving for your tithe or offering? Very easy indeed! Just go to the church website www.vancechurch.org and click on the "GIVE" button on the front page. A new page will "pop-up" with a giving form you can fill out with your offering amount and payment method. You can make one-time gifts or set-up recurring gifts that will automatically withdraw from your bank account. Tithing is the foundation of giving and E-giving makes it easy to give whenever the Holy Spirit moves you toward generosity.*

Vance Calendar

Week of October 20, 2024 through October 27, 2024

Sun. October 20

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

Mon. October 21

- 9:30am, YWCA Parenting Class, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, *Fellowship Hall*
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall*
- 6:30pm, WLU Community Choir Practice

Tue. October 22

- 4:30pm, YWCA WIND Advisory Board Meeting, *Wheeler Room*
- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

Wed. October 23

- 7:30am, Faith in Action Hoagie Sorting for Delivery, *Fellowship Hall*
- **5pm, Woodsdale School Food Bag Packing, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- 7pm, Junior League, *Junior League Room, 3rd Floor*

Thur. October 24

- 9am, YWCA "All Staff" Meeting, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- **5:30pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, Narthex**
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, Merriman Chapel**
- **6:30pm, PEO Meeting, Robbie Clarke Room**

Fri. October 25

Sat. October 26

- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sun. October 27

- **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**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- **Time TBA, Youth Group "Escape the Pen", WV Penitentiary**

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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.