VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day ~ Communion

November 01, 2026 ▪ 10:00 a.m.

Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Revelations 7:9-17 ~ Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3 ~ Matthew 5:1-12

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

LET THE CHILDREN COME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 43:3-5)
Liturgist: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
All: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.
Liturgist: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
All: Hope in God, for I shall again praise God, my help and my God.

OPENING PRAYER
God of peace, you taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the power of your Spirit lift us to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; 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 *Here in This Place*, **GtG 401**

CONFESSION and time of self-examination *(congregation may be seated)*
Leader: The work of the church in being the people of God is not solitary work. We are here to support one another, to love one another, and to lead one another to Christ, again and again. In our work as the people of God, we will sometimes come up short. But God stands more ready to forgive than we are to ask. Let us now confess our sin together, and then in silence, as we make more candid our confessions before our God who created us, who knows us, and who loves us.
All: Holy God, we know that we may rest in the promises of our baptism — we know that your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. We forget why we do what we do in the name of our arisen Lord. Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that you created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayers …

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy,* **GtG 551**

DECLARATION OF PARDON (Ephesians 2:8-10)
Leader: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one might boast.
All: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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** *O for a World,* **GtG 372**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

The ANTHEM
Some of These Mornin's
TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL arranged by Mark Hayes

The SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL READING:
Matthew 5:1-12
NEWER TESTAMENT READING:
Revelations 7:9-17
The Word of the Lord … **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (The Apostle's 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 Pilate 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 life everlasting. Amen.

⌘ **SONG of AFFIRMATION** *Jesus, Remember Me,* **GtG 227**

⌘INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Among the competing narratives that seek to claim our lives is the belief that we must compete for scarce resources. But our God is not a god of scarcity. Our God is a god of abundance who has provided for the needs of God's people. Trusting in the generosity of God, let us return our tithes and offerings to the one who has provided them in the first place. *(congregation may be seated)*

The OFFERTORY
In Remembrance of Me
Presented by members of VANCE VOICES of the VALLEY
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

Gracious God, from your bountiful hand, we have received grace upon grace. From the abundance of your world, we return this portion to you asking that you would bless these gifts, multiply them, and use them. May we be blessed as we see your kingdom at work among us through Christ our Lord. Amen. *(congregation may be seated)*

The SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

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.
Leader: Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful. Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

All Sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.
Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:
All Sing: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.
All Sing: Amen, amen, amen.

All please join in singing.

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. Amen!

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Leader: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
All: Amen.

Taking God's Word out, into our Worlds

⌘ **CLOSING HYMN** *Seek Ye First,* **GtG 175**

⌘**BENEDICTION**

⌘**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** VANCE CHOIR

⌘ **POSTLUDE**

⌘ Please stand if able.

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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.

- Join us in the Sanctuary today immediately following the Worship Service for a Congregational Meeting to elect officers.
- We thank Jeanne Finstein for serving as liturgist today.

- St. Michael Christian Mothers and Christian Women are having a "Children's Clothing & More" Sale on November 6th from 4-7pm, and November 7th from 8am-noon at the Angelus Center. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesday and Thursday, November 4th and 5th, from 4-7pm and on November 6th from 8:30-10:00am. Questions? Call Gretchen Wilson at 304-280-1451.

- Join us next week in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service for our Chili Cookoff!

    - Next week is as follows:

        - Greeter is Cheryl Joseph
        - Welcome Center volunteer is Jane Hare
        - Liturgist is Michelle John
        - Ushers are Scott Winters, Zach Abraham, Ben Exley, and Kevin Stryker

Vance Calendar

Week of November 01, 2026 through November 08, 2026

Sunday, November 01 Daylight Savings Time

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, *C. E. Classrooms***
- **10am, Youth Sunday School, *Robbie Clarke Room***
- **10am, Communion Worship Service, *Sanctuary***
- **11:15am, Congregational Meeting, *Sanctuary***
- **11:30am, Christian Education Commission Meeting, *Robbie Clarke Room***

Monday, November 02

- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Conference Room*
- 1pm, UOVP Peacemaking Committee, *General Presbyters Office*
- **6pm, Messy Church, *First Christian Church***
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *CE Classrooms & Primary Chapel*

Tuesday, November 03

- 5:30am, Ohio County Precinct Voting Station, *Fellowship Hall*
- 4pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Scouting America Troop 6, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*

Wednesday, November 04

- Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinner, *Fellowship Hall & Large Kitchen*
- 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, *C.E. Chapel*
- 6pm, Scouting America Troop 6000, *C. E. Classrooms*
- **6pm, Worship & Music Commission Meeting, *Squibb Room***
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thursday, November 05

- 12:00noon, Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery Committee on Ministry, *ZOOM*
- 3pm, Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery Executive Round Table, *UOVP Resource Center*
- 4:30pm, Vets with Guitars, *Merriman Chapel*
- **6pm, Celebrate Recovery Small Plate & Fellowship, *Narthex***
- **6:30pm, Celebrate Recovery, *Merriman Chapel***

Friday, November 06

Saturday, November 07

- Scouting America Food Drive for Vance Church
- 9:30am, PEO Mahjong Party, *Robbie Clarke Room*
- 12:00noon, Rory's 1st Birthday Party, *Fellowship Hall & Large Kitchen*
- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, November 08

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, *C. E. Classrooms***
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, *Robbie Clarke Room***
- **10am, Worship Service, *Sanctuary***
- **11:30am, Chili Cook-Off, *Fellowship Hall & Large Kitchen***
- 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.
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