

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 03, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Ruth 1:1-18 ~ Psalm 146:1-10

Hebrews 9:11-14 ~ Mark 12:28-34

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 (based on Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18)

Liturgist: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

All: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

Liturgist: Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

All: And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

Liturgist: Hear, O children of God: there is another commandment like the first.

All: Yes: we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Liturgist: These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian lives. Thanks be to God!

All: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, you have filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him by whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

More Love to Thee, O Christ, GtG 828

CONFESSION and time of self-examination (Hebrews 4:15-16)

(congregation may be seated)

Leader: The Scriptures tell us, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

All: Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy, GtG 551

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: The psalmist assures us, "As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us." In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you, our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God for God's indescribable gift of Grace!

⌘ 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

Jesu, Jesu, GtG 203

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool-aged children are dismissed to the nursery)

THE ANTHEM

*He's Got the Whole World
with*

This Is My Father's World

Choral Setting by Joel Raney

Please refer to **GtG 370**.

The SCRIPTURE

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING:

Ruth 1:1-18

NEWER TESTAMENT READING:

Mark 12:28-34

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 *In Remembrance of Me, GtG 521*

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God who has so richly blessed us. *(congregation may be seated)*

THE OFFERTORY

In the Breaking of the Bread

Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

In the breaking of the bread, in the sharing of the wine,
in the gath'ring of our hearts, we are filled with love divine.

At the table of the Lord, our hearts are fed.
There is grace in the breaking of the bread.

In the pouring of the wine, in the lifting of the cup,
in the blessing of the vine, we are filled with heaven's love.

At the table of the Lord, we see the sign.
There is grace in the pouring of the wine.

There is pardon. There is mercy.
There is healing. There is hope.
There is comfort. There is shelter.
There is refuge. There is home.
Come home.

In the worship, in the praise, in our service, in our prayer,
in the music that we raise, in the fellowship we share,
at the table of the Lord, we find our place.

In the worship, in the praise, in the music that we raise,
at the table of the Lord, there is grace.

⌘ 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 loving God, we do thank you for the many blessings in our lives. As you have so freely given your love in Jesus Christ, may we freely share your love with others through these gifts we offer today. May they be signs of our devotion to you and our willingness to love in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.

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

What Is the World Like, GtG 771

⌘ 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 Philip Gladden 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.
- We thank Scott Winters for serving as liturgist today.
- For the month of September 2024 the Congregation supported the Church with contributions of \$24,659 which included tithes, offerings, Woodsdale Food Bags, and Special Music performances. Expenses for the same time period were \$32,022 for personnel wages and benefits.
- The West Liberty Community Concert will be November 15th @7pm in our Sanctuary. We are in need of a few people to help serve cake in the Narthex after the Concert.

Vance Calendar

Week of November 03, 2024 through November 10, 2024

Sunday, November 03

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C. E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **9:30am, Children's Christmas Play Practice, Merriman Chapel**
- **10am, Communion Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Adult Sunday School, The Chosen, Squibb Room**
- **6pm, Taco Bar and Game Night, Fellowship Hall**

Monday, November 04

- 9:30am, YWCA Parenting Class, Robbie Clarke Room
- 12pm, AI-Anon Support Group, Wheeler Conference Room
- 1pm, UOVP Peacemaking Committee, General Presbyters Office
- **2pm, Celebrate Recovery Step Study, Pastor Erica's Office**
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall, C. E. Classrooms, Primary Chapel, Potter Chapel
- 6:30pm, WLU Community Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 05

- 9am, MIHOW Casserole Social, *Fellowship Hall & Large Kitchen*
- 4:30pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 7pm, Scouts Troops 6 and 6000 Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & C.E. Classrooms*

Wednesday, November 06

- **5pm, Pack the Woodsdale School Food Bags, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotics Anonymous, *C.E. Chapel*
- 7pm, Jr. League, *JL 3rd Floor Room*

Thursday, November 07

- 12pm, Faith and Community in Appalachia Meeting, *Merriman Chapel, Potter Chapel, Primary Chapel, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, Large Kitchen*
- 3pm, UOVP Executive Round Table, *UOVP Resource Center*
- **4:30pm, Building & Property Commission Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- **3pm, Celebrate Recovery to Matthew West Concert, Clarksburg**
- 6:30pm, UOVP Committee on Ministry, *ZOOM*

Friday, November 08

- All Day, Faith and Community in Appalachia Meeting, *Merriman Chapel, Potter Chapel, Primary Chapel, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, Large Kitchen*
- 8am, YWCA FVPP "Ignite Conference", *Squibb Room, Wheeler Room, Robbie Clarke Room, Small Kitchen*

Saturday, November 09

- 9am, Faith and Community in Appalachia Meeting, *Merriman Chapel, Potter Chapel, Primary Chapel, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, Large Kitchen*
- 8:30pm, Alcoholic's Anonymous, *Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, November 10

- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **9:30am, Children's Christmas Play Practice, Merriman Chapel**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **Adult Sunday School, The Chosen, Squibb Room**
- **Time TBD, Youth Group, Cryptid Mountain Mini Golf**
- 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.