

VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 09, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.



Lectionary Selections of Scripture for this Sunday:

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 ~ Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 ~ Luke 20:27-38

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

CALL to WORSHIP (Psalm 98)

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.

Liturgist: Sing praises to the Lord;

All: Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.

Liturgist: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

All: The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;

Liturgist: Let us join in the joyful song of creation.

OPENING PRAYER

God of all the living, in the resurrection of Christ Jesus you have given us the promise of life which death itself cannot destroy. In the strength of this unshakable promise give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

⌘OPENING HYMN of PRAISE

God Is Here!, GtG 409

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

Leader: Though we are prone to wander, the spirit of God abides among us. Trusting in God's persistent love and mercy, let us confess our sin.

All: Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth.

SILENT PRAYER of CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE

In My Life, GtG 468

DECLARATION OF PARDON (Psalm 145)

Leader: God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant. The Lord is near to all who call, to all who call in truth. Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.

All: Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. 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

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain, GtG 234

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Preschool children are dismissed to the Nursery)

The ANTHEM

Great Is the Lord

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith

Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

Please refer to GtG 614.

The SCRIPTURE

OLDER TESTAMENT READING

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

GOSPEL READING

Luke 20:27-38

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Erica L. Harley

Responding to God's Word

⌘ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Selections from the Barmen Declaration)

Leader: "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me."

All: Jesus Christ, as he is attested to us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and should recognize as a source of its proclamation, beyond and besides this one Word of God, yet other events, powers, historic figures and truths as God's revelation.

Leader: "Jesus Christ has been made wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption for us by God."

All: As Jesus Christ is God's comforting pronouncement of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, with equal seriousness, he is also God's vigorous announcement of his claim upon our whole life. Through him there comes to us joyful liberation from the godless ties of this world for free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject

the false doctrine that there could be areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ but to other lords, areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

Leader: "Let us, however, speak the truth in love, and in every respect grow into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined together."

All: The Christian Church is the community of brethren in which, in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ acts in the present as Lord. With both its faith and its obedience, with both its message and its order, it has to testify in the midst of the sinful world, as the Church of pardoned sinners, that it belongs to Christ alone and lives and may live by his comfort and under his direction alone, in expectation of his appearing. We reject the false doctrine that the Church could have permission to hand over the form of its message and of its order to whatever it itself might wish or to the vicissitudes of the prevailing ideological and political convictions of the day.

⌘ SONG of AFFIRMATION

When We Are Living, GtG 822

⌘ INVITATION to the OFFERING

Leader: Hear God's word from Haggai 2:6-9: "For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts." Trusting in God's abundant provision, let us offer our gifts with generosity.

The OFFERTORY

Father, We Worship You

Words and Music by Victor C. Johnson

Father, we lift our hearts to You in this holy place,
grateful for Your tender mercy, and Your plenteous grace.

Father, we lift our lives to You, our vow of love we bring,
given in true humility to our eternal King.

We lift our voice to honor You as we sing Your praise.
We bow before You, love and adore You, holy is Your name!

Father, we lift our prayers to You in this holy place,
Almighty God, we worship You, we lift our lives to You.

Father, we worship You.

⌘ 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

O God, may the resources that are gathered here be a blessing to the world you so love. Guard our paths and do not let our feet slip; keep us as the apple of your eye. Give us wisdom and humility as we seek to be faithful stewards of all your good gifts. 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 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above, GtG 645*

⌘BENEDICTION

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VANCE CHOIR

⌘POSTLUDE

⌘ Please stand if able.

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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 Haley Ballast, and provided for free distribution by *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2025.

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 Gail Looney for serving as liturgist today.
- We are sponsoring 25 children from The House of the Carpenter this year for Christmas. Thank you to all who took a child's name last week. We have two children who were chosen, but no Vance Member name listed. If you have child #86A (Siyan) or #121D (Bailey), please see Janice Carenbauer and/or add your name to the sign-up.
- The Wheeling Wind Symphony Concert Band under the direction of Pat Garrett presents: A Veterans Day Celebration – "A Musical Tribute to our Veterans" - November 9, 2025, 3pm at St Mark Lutheran Church, 141 Kruger Street, Wheeling
- Save the Date! November 16, 2025 – Congregational Meeting!
- Next week is as follows:
 - Greeter is Audrey Abraham
 - Welcome Center is Elaine Strauch
 - Ushers are Drew Seabright, Tom John, Andy Barger, Roger Cain
 - Liturgist is Kevin Miller

Vance Calendar

Week of November 09, 2025 through November 16, 2025

Sunday, November 09

- **8:30am, Men's Study, Merriman Chapel**
- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Chili Contest, Fellowship Hall**
- 6pm, Washington Presbyterian Church Fellowship, *Robbie Clarke Room*

Monday, November 10

- 11am, Red Cross Blood Drive, *Fellowship Hall*
- 12pm, Al-Anon Support Group, *Wheeler Room*
- 6:30pm, Cub Scouts Den Meeting, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*
- **7pm, Session Meeting, Squibb Room**

Tuesday, November 11

- **10am, Staff Meeting, Church Office**
- 3pm, Piano Student playing for Scholarship, *Sanctuary*
- 4pm, Susan Eismon Bible Study, *Squibb Room*
- 6pm, Ohio County Master Gardeners Meeting, *Wheeler Room*
- 7pm, Scouting America Troop 6, *Fellowship Hall & CE Classrooms*

Wednesday, November 12

- **5pm, Nourish to Flourish, Robbie Clarke Room**
- 6pm, Narcotic Anonymous, *Primary Chapel*
- 7pm, Scouting America Troop 6000, *Fellowship Hall*
- 7pm, Junior League, *Junior League Room, 3rd Floor*

Thursday, November 13

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

Friday, November 14

Saturday, November 15

- Veteran's Day 10K Race
- 7pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, *Potter Chapel*

Sunday, November 16

- **8:30am, Men's Study, Merriman Chapel**
- **9am, Children's Sunday School, C.E. Classrooms**
- **9am, Youth Sunday School, Robbie Clarke Room**
- **10am, Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary**
- **11:15am, Deacon's Meeting, Wheeler Room**
- **11:30am, Christmas Decorating, Sanctuary**
- 2pm, 3rd Birthday Party, *Fellowship Hall*

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**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**

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Pre-Holiday Extravaganza

November 20, 2025  
5-6pm—Spaghetti Dinner  
6:15-7:15pm — Concert  
Reception to Follow