

Presbyterian Church of Vinton



*Forgetting oneself is not a
refinement of love. It is a
first condition of love.*

**Presbyterian Church of Vinton
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

Mission Statement:

"A Voice of Hope and Love to All"

Sunday, October 25, 2026 *Reformation Sunday* 10:30 AM

Prelude

Organist

Welcome And Announcements Liturgist

A special welcome to our online visitors.

Responsive Call to Worship from Psalm 90 Liturgist

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

***Hymn # 241 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (vs. 1,3, 4)**

***Call to Confession**

Liturgist

We have been entrusted with the message of the gospel, but all too often act as if the memos from sin and death have more influence in our lives. Let us confess our sins, so we might know God's great love for us.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

As you know, God our healer, we stand on the edge of your promises and hopes yet cannot seem to let ourselves cross over into the life you intend for us. We seek praise from our families yet are unable to tell them how much we love them; we care more about our needs and desires, than for the struggles of our neighbors; we think more about the trash we read and see than focusing on the Spirit of wisdom.

Forgive us, Everlasting God. Renew our lives with your grace; restore our hopes with your vision of tomorrow; refresh our spirits with your joy which comes to us new in each moment in the gift of your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

This moment, this morning, this day, and in all the days to come, God's compassion and hope fill our lives. What joyous good news!
Our hope is not in vain. God forgives our sins and is the dwelling place for all people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Scripture

Leviticus 19:1-18

Liturgist

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ² "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ³ You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. ⁴ Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the LORD your God. ⁵ "When you offer a sacrifice of well-being to the LORD, offer it

in such a way that it is acceptable on your behalf. ⁶ It shall be eaten on the same day you offer it or on the next day, and anything left over until the third day shall be consumed in fire. ⁷ If any of it is eaten on the third day, it is an abomination; it will not be acceptable. ⁸ All who eat it shall be subject to punishment, because they have profaned what is holy to the LORD, and any such person shall be cut off from the people. ⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ You shall not strip your vineyard bare or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. ¹¹ “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹² And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³ “You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴ You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵ “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD. ¹⁷ “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40

Pastor

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This

is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Message

What about leftovers?

Pastor

***Hymn # 275**

How Firm a Foundation

Invitation To Offering

Pastor

Offertory

***Doxology**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Response for Joy: Lord with thanksgiving! **Hear our prayer!**

Response for Concern: Lord in your mercy! **Hear our prayer!**

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.

***Hymn #271**

Standing on the Promises

(vs. 1-3)

***Benediction**

Postlude

***You are invited to rise in body/spirit as you are able**

Today's Service

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner
Liturgist: Jax Elwick
Organist: Inge Schminke
Ushers: Personnel/Nominating Committee

Every Sunday's Schedule

9:15 AM Youth Sunday School
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service
11:30 AM Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

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Deacons: Marilyn Yedlik(Chr.), Jorgie Bendull, Karen Buseman, Gwen Eells, Marti Eckhart, Joan Oliphant, Ron Tippet, Dianna Wiese.

President of the Corporation: Terrie Johnson

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10 /29 John Lippman

10/29 Judith Reams

10/31 Judy Thurman



Next Sunday, November 1, 2026

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner

Scriptures: Micah: 3:5-12
Matthew 23:1-12

Theme: Leaders Without Justice

Liturgist: Terrie Johnson

Ushers: Fellowship Committee

Announcements

“None of our success would be possible without generous donors like you. Thank you again for your commitment and kindness.”

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1st.

Harvest Dinner is *Sunday, November 8th*.

Trunk or Treat will be October 31 from 5 – 7 PM.

Need information for the Post as soon as possible. Please!

Thank you, Personnel/Nominating Committee for the refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the morning service.

2026 Per Capita: \$46.63 2027 Per Capita: \$49.31

Reminder: If you have not paid this year's per capita please do that before the end of the year.

Finance Committee Update for September

Income for September \$3,240.	Expenses for September \$12,135.10
Income to Date \$80,467.59	Expenses to Date \$119,830.53
- \$39,362.94	

Budgeted expenses (-\$39,362.94), approximately \$18,000 of this amount was not budgeted items so they did not come out of our general budget.

Extra incurred expenses are listed as follows: **Boiler expense** \$4,195 (taken out of the boiler fund), **Manse expenses** incurred last year but paid in 2026 \$4,111 (covered by insurance) and **elevator expense** \$10,398 (taken out of the elevator fund).

Our deficit on paper looks like -\$39,362.94 but actual budgeted deficit is closer to - \$21,362.94. Not as bad as we thought so thank you for supporting this church. Blessings to all of you!

Attendance on October 18: 34 + 5 visitors

Zoom: (1) Facebook: (3) Views for the week: 79

This Week:

Monday, October 26:	9:00 – 12:00 AM	Office Closed
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Practice
Tuesday, October 27:	9:00-11:00 AM	Sewing Group
Wednesday, October 28:	5:30-6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	2:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Sessions Meet



Harvest Dinner November 8, 2026

Menu

Soups: Chili, Cheesy Potato, Chicken Rice
Corn Bread – Crackers
Veggie Tray & Dip
Fruit Salad
Dessert
Drinks

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Harvest Dinner – November 8th

Name_____

Number Attending_____