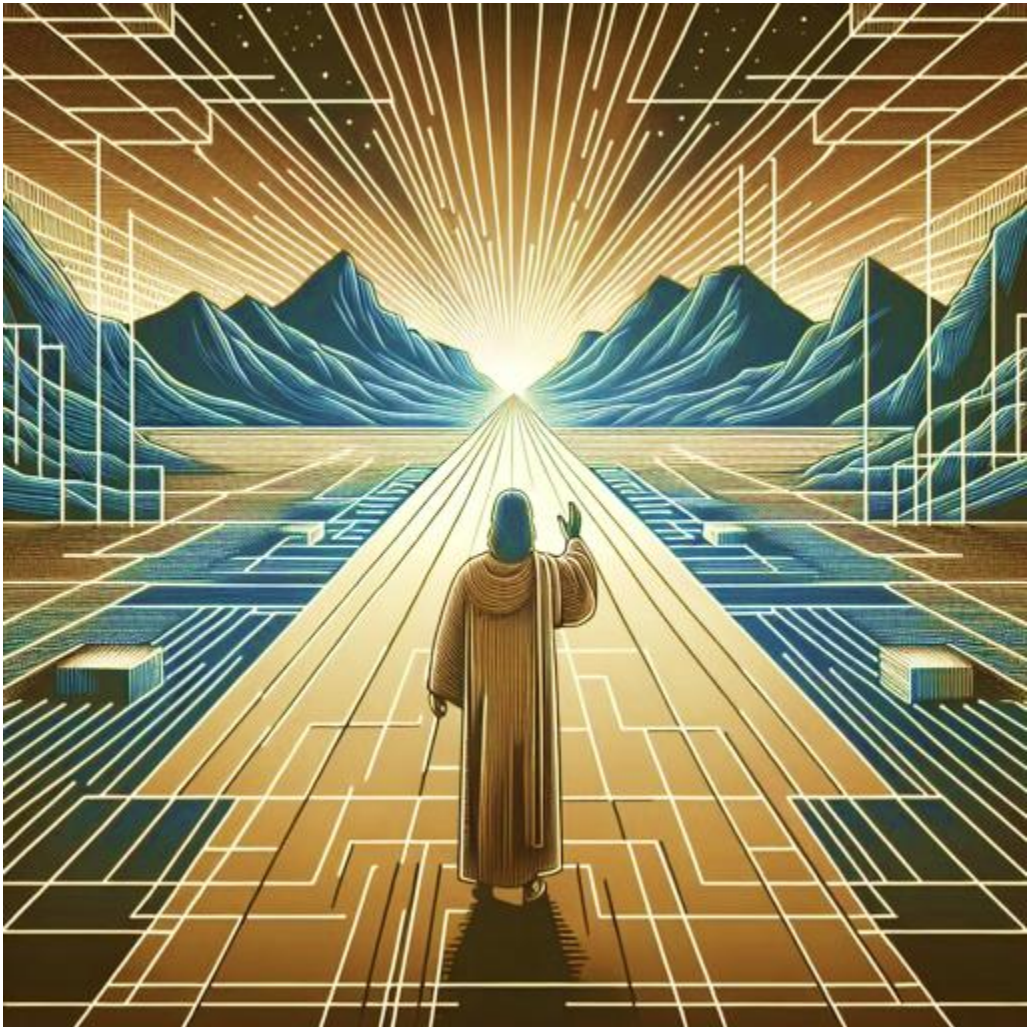


# *Presbyterian Church of Vinton*



*Crying in the Wilderness, A  
Voice of Hope and Love to All*

**Presbyterian Church of Vinton  
2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 7, 2025,**

**10:30 AM**

**Prelude**

**Organist**

**Welcome And Announcements**

**Liturgist**

*A special welcome to our online visitors.*

**Lighting the Candle/Call to Worship**

**Liturgist**

**Reader 1:** On this second Sunday of Advent we hear stories of the dreams and longings of God's people. The Hebrew people dreamed of a king who would rule with justice and peace. The apostle Paul had a dream that all people would belong to God. John the Baptist invited people to dream with him about the coming of God's reign.

**Reader 2:** We share these dreams that can lead to life-changing action.

**Reader 1:** God's people have long dreamed of the coming of peace, justice, and faithfulness to God's ways. In our own time we dream of equality and good life for everyone. Such dreams come from God and inspire us to work for justice and peace.

**Reader 2:** With John the Baptist we dream of making crooked paths straight, of making smooth highways broad enough for all God's people to move on together in peace and harmony.

**Reader1:** Our actions can help build that highway. God's dream can become our dream.

**Reader 2:** We light the first candle. Its flickering flame reminds us that our waiting is to be both contemplative and active. *(The first candle is lit)* The flame of the second candle reminds us that just as candles can be given a flame, so God's dreams can become real in our world. *(The second candle is lit)*

## **Unison Prayer**

**Loving God, give us the desire, the willingness, and the courage to be part of your dream for a world made new. We pray in the name of Jesus, your dream incarnate. Amen.**

## **\*Hymn # 161**

**Our Day of Joy Is Here Again**

**(vs. 1-2)**

## **\*Call to Confession**

Let us seek to live as if, indeed, the kingdom is coming near. We offer our prayers to the One who calls us to Advent living, as we pray together, saying,

## **\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Goodness Incarnate; we must confess that we have not lived as your children. We muddy the clear waters of baptism with the detritus of walking over those we claim we love. We sit in our lonely lives feasting on bitterness, when we could be feasting with those we are told not to trust. We wait for all our desires to be taken care of by you, while you hope we would fill the lives of others with your grace and hope.**

**Forgive us, God of this holy season, and help us to be as willing to draw near to others, so we might heal their brokenness, touch their loneliness, embrace their grief, and love them as you did when you came to us so long ago, as well as in these moments, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**Silence is kept**

## **\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon Liturgist**

Here is the good news: speak with the whispers of hope until it silences despair; sing the carols of compassion until all join in the chorus; shower others with wonder and delight and join in God's dance of grace.

**Thanks be to God. We are forgiven! So, let us welcome others with open arms, just as we have been embraced in God's love and laughter. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Isaiah 11:1-9</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
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<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Matthew 3:1-12</b>	<b>Pastor</b>
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<b>Special Music</b>	<b>Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart</b>	<b>Choir</b>
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<b>Message</b>	<b>The Voice Crying Over the Wasteland</b>	<b>Pastor</b>
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<b>*Hymn # 160</b>	<b>Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming</b>
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<b>Invitation To Offering</b>	<b>Pastor</b>
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**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

<b>Sharing of Joys and Concerns</b>	<b>Pastor</b>
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**Pastoral Prayer**

...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.**

<b>*Hymn # 119</b>	<b>O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful</b>
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<b>*Benediction</b>	<b>Pastor</b>
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**Postlude**

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

***Please Remember to fill out the yellow slip that indicates you attended church today.***

## **Today's Service**

**Minister: Pastor Hans**  
**Liturgist: Ron Tippet and a Second Reader**  
**Organist: Inge Schminke**  
**Ushers: Fellowship Committee**

## **Every Sunday's Schedule**

9:15 AM Youth Sunday School  
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  
9:45 AM Small Group choir warm up in the choir room  
(Sundays (1,2,4))  
10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service  
11:30 AM Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

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## **Presbyterian Church of Vinton Leadership:**

**Pastor: Pastor Johannes Poetschner (Pastor Hans)**

**Elders:** Nancy Baldwin, Mindy Burke, Jerry Blank, Terrie Johnson, Bonnie Peacock, Rosemary Schwartz, Angie Merchant-Stueck, and Marilyn Yedlik.

**Deacons:** Kathy Blank (Chr.), Jorgie Bendull, Karen Buseman, Gwen Eells, Marti Eckhart, Jean Lewis, Joan Oliphant, Dianna Wiese

**President of the Corporation:** Terrie Johnson

**Treasurer:** Linda Druschel

**Secretary:** Bonnie Peacock

**Next Sunday, December 14 2025**  
**Pastor Johannes Poetschner**  
**Sunday is the Christmas Program**  
**Liturgist: Kelly Henkle**



12/2	Andrew Pingnot
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12/4	Darrell Kenney
12/5	Janay Bendull
12/7	Doris Holst
12/8	Rodney Stueck
12/8	Marty Echkart
12/10	Ron Tippet
12/10	Annika Schmidt
12/10	Jonathan Wolff
12/11	Thomas Burke

### **Announcements**

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

**Per Capita: \$45.34 Attendance on November 23, 2025: 41 Zoom: (0)**  
**Facebook: (4) Views for the week: (75) (no church on November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
*due to weather)*

### **This Week:**

**Monday, December 8**

**Monday, December 8 6:00 PM**

**Monday, December 8 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, December 9 9:00-11:00 AM**

**Wednesday, December 10 5:30 PM**

**Wednesday, December 10 2:00 PM**

**Office Closed**

**Hand Bell Choir**

**House Band Rehearsal**

**Sewing Group**

**Finance Committee**

**Book Study at the  
Library**

**Congregational Meeting will be held today** following the morning  
Worship Service, to vote on a class of elders and deacons. Please  
check your insert for the nominees.

## Thank You

**Thank you** to the Deacons for providing the coffee and treats in Fellowship Hall following this morning's service.

**Thank you to all that helped to decorate the church for Advent. The decorations are *Beautiful!!***

**Many thanks to our congregation for your generous support of the Deacon's Thanksgiving Boxes again this year.** This year we (the Methodist Church, Salvation Army and us together) were able to provide 40 Thanksgiving boxes that fed 145 people, compared to last year's 28 boxes, serving 108 meals. Each box average cost was under \$50. Most of the groceries were purchased locally at Fareway and on sale. God's blessings to all of you for making this happen.

Deacons Jorgie Bendull, Karen Buseman, Martha Eckhart, Gwynn Eells, Jean Lewis, Joan Oliphant, Dianna Wiese and Kathy Blank, chairperson.

## Volunteers

**Anyone interested in being in the house band for the Christmas** program please contact Allison at 319 241 7582 with text or voicemail or email at [allisonhicks@ymail.com](mailto:allisonhicks@ymail.com).

## Share with us!

Share information, pictures, recipes, etc. to be placed in the Post.

**Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day-** Plans are underway to prepare our 12<sup>th</sup> annual free Christmas dinner to the public. Signup sheets will be out starting Wednesday, December 10 to sign up for salads, desserts, and volunteer time to help prepare and serve the meal. We will also need a cleanup crew. The Menu: Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, sage dressing, green beans/corn, sweet potatoes, salads, and of course *Desserts!*

## **VAMA (Vinton Area Ministerial Association)**

will be setting up an angel tree at a location to be decided! If are interested in one of the tags they are as follows:

If you chose to select an angel–please make sure to mark the information in the To: line the page # and the age following it.

<b>Tag</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>F/M</b>	<b>Shirt. Pants</b>	<b>Interest</b>
<b>P#1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>M.</b>	<b>size 8/10</b>	<b>Sports, football</b>
<b>P#2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>size 4T</b>	<b>Race cars, movie cars</b>
<b>P#3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>size 3T/4T</b>	<b>princess, Barbies</b>
<b>P#4</b>	<b>8mo</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>size 6/9mo</b>	<b>Baby toys</b>
<b>P#5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>size 3T/4T</b>	<b>Dino, cars, fish</b>
<b>P#6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>YM 11/12</b>	<b>Crafts, reading</b>

SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

