

Presbyterian Church of Vinton



*Do not forget to entertain
strangers, for by doing so,
some have unwittingly
entertained angels.*

Hebrews 13:2

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mission Statement:

"A Voice of Hope and Love to All"

Sunday, September 27, 2026

10:30 AM

Prelude

Liturgist

Welcome And Announcements

Liturgist

A special welcome to our online visitors

Task Force Update

Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 25

Liturgist

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land.

The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

O guard my life and deliver me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

***Hymn # 347**

Be Still, My Soul

***Call to Confession**

Liturgist

All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better, and then just go on living the same way we always have. Let this be the moment when we tell our God of our failures and faithlessness, so we can go forth to work in that kingdom of grace and hope. Join me as we pray,

Unison Prayer of Confession

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid with judgment.

Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope.

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

This is the good news: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. You are forgiven; you are made new.

We will complete God's joy, by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Scripture

Ezekiel 18:1-4; 25-32

Liturgist

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a

new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Scripture

Matthew 21:23-32

Pastor

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

Message

The Lord of Last Chances

Pastor

Hymn #461

He Leadeth Me

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 #463

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

***Benediction**

Pastor

Postlude

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

Today's Service

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner

Liturgist: Ron Tippet

Organist: Inge Schminke

Ushers: Building & Grounds

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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10/1 Kathyrn Blank
10/2 Becky Walthart
10/4 Jean Lewis

Next Sunday, October 4, 2026

Pastor:	Johannes Poetschner
Scriptures:	Isaiah 5:1-7 Matthew 21:33-44
Theme:	Good and Bad Business
Liturgist:	Kelly Henkle
Ushers:	Personnel/Nominating

Announcements

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

Confirmation class will be held October 2026 – February 2027, led by Pastor Hans. Classes will be on Wednesdays starting October 7th, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the church. Confirmation class is open to any youth in 6th grade or older who has not participated in confirmation. Contact Mindy Burke (319) 350-2665 or Pauline Elwick (319) 560-4738 with any questions.

Harvest Dinner is scheduled for October 28th.

Trunk & Treat – Halloween is almost upon us. We need to know if you are interested in participating. Please talk with Pauline or Mindy.

Thank you to the Building & Grounds Committee for the coffee and treats in Fellowship Hall today following our morning service.

Wanted

We are in dire need of people to continue to serve our large group of shut-in members! Our Deacon’s committee began 2026 with eleven people; at the end of 2026 we will be down to 5 members.

Many of our church family members are now in facilities and would enjoy a visit or a phone call to let them know they have not been forgotten by our church. If you are willing and able to assist us, we could use your help to see that they are contacted at least once a month to help brighten their day.

Our attendance is down and many people do not want to be on a committee, so we are trying to be innovative with our solutions. If you have the time and the kindness in your heart to help, make this happen, please call the church office (319-472-3766) and volunteer to be on the ‘Deacon’s Helper List’. Perhaps you have other suggestions we could use to support these precious people.

We are a family and this is something we need to work on together. Thank you for the love and support you continue to give this church.

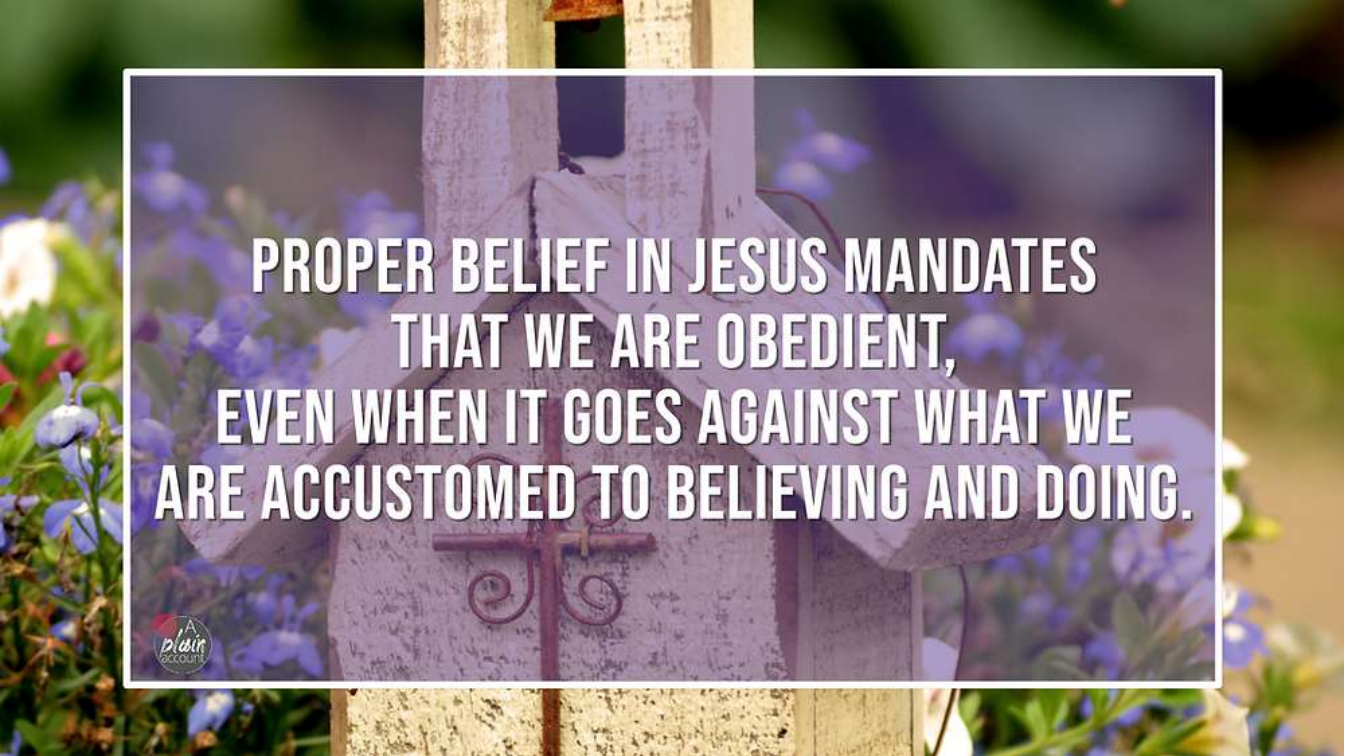
2026 Per Capita: \$46.63

Attendance on September 20: 37 + 4 visitors

Zoom: (1) Facebook: (3) Views for the week: 78

This Week:

Monday, September 28:	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Office closed
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Practice
Tuesday, September 29:	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Sewing Group
Wednesday, September 30:	2:00 PM	Bible Study
Thursday, October 1:	7:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast

A wooden cross stands in a garden, surrounded by purple flowers. The cross is made of light-colored wood and has a small metal cross on its front. The background is a soft-focus garden scene.

**PROPER BELIEF IN JESUS MANDATES
THAT WE ARE OBEDIENT,
EVEN WHEN IT GOES AGAINST WHAT WE
ARE ACCUSTOMED TO BELIEVING AND DOING.**

