

Presbyterian Church of Vinton



*Despite the high cost of living,
It remains popular.*

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mission Statement:
"A Voice of Hope and Love to All"

Sunday, September 13, 2026

10:30 AM

Prelude

Liturgist

Welcome And Announcements

Liturgist

A special welcome to our online visitors

Responsive Call to Worship

From Psalm 103

Liturgist

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far, he removes our transgressions from us.

For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

***Hymn # 64 All Creatures of Our God and King**

(vs. 1, 4, 5)

***Call to Confession**

Liturgist

We do not have to beg God to forgive us, but simply confess our foolish words, our mistaken acts, our grudging hearts. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

Unison Prayer of Confession

We could have mercy, Compassion's heart, but we judge others by those standards we cannot even meet. We could welcome all around us as sisters and brothers but hold them at contempt's length away from us. We could have patience with family and friends but tap our feet and drum our fingers until they do what we want.

In your forgiveness, Tender God, you wipe the board clean of all our poor accounting. You don't deal off the bottom of the deck to us but turn up the ace of grace for us. You gather up all our foolishness and hurl it beyond the edge of the universe, so the healing you intend for us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, will take place.

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

Here is the good news. God does not hold a grudge against us. God lets go of anger to welcome us as sisters and brothers of Jesus.

We will not be afraid but will open our hearts and lives to God's compassionate grace. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Scripture

Romans 14:1-12

Liturgist

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Scripture**Matthew 18:21-35****Pastor**

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Message**The Reckoning****Pastor****Hymn # 17****Ye Servants of God****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 #276

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

(vs 1, 4)

*Benediction

Pastor

Postlude

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

Today's Service

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner

Liturgist: Terri Johnson

Organist: Inge Schminke

Ushers: Building & Grounds

Every Sunday's Schedule

10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service

11:30 AM Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

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9/16 David Wallace
9/20 Monet Elwick

Next Sunday, September 20, 2026

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner
Scriptures: Jonah 3:10-4:11
Matthew 20:1-16
Theme: How God Measures
Liturgist: Marilyn Yedlik
Ushers: Building & Grounds

Announcements

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

Today, after the service, the youth group will be serving a luncheon for Grandparents Day, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. They will have Pulled Pork/Buns, Mac & Cheese, fresh fruit and cake.

Thank you to the Youth Group!

Today, September 13th, Adult Sunday School begins at 9:30 AM in the Tobin Room. A study of the 13 Parables will start the year. Rosemary Schwartz is the leader.

September 19th: Eastern Iowa Presbytery Meeting – 10:00 AM Camp Bear Creek – Commissioning of Rev. Marta Pumroy and Rev. Dr. Kris Schondlemeyer (Davenport, IA) 228th Co-Moderators of PCUSA.

Pastor Hans will be putting together a Confirmation Class for children in middle school and above that have not been confirmed or baptized. Dates and times will be determined.

September 20th: Bonnie Peacock's retirement celebration as church secretary after the morning service. CAKE!

Youth Sunday School will start September 20th at 9:15 AM

2026 Per Capita: \$46.63

Attendance on September 6: 29 + 5 visitors

Zoom: (2) Facebook: (5) Views for the week: 73

This Week:

Monday, September 14:	9:00 AM-12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Office closed Hand Bell Practice
Tuesday, September 15:	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Sewing Group
Wednesday, September 16:	2:00 PM 5:30 PM	Bible Study Finance Meeting
Sunday, September 20:	9:15 AM	Youth Sunday School

A background image featuring several pink daisy-like flowers with yellow centers. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, and the background is a soft, out-of-focus field of similar flowers in shades of pink and purple.

And
Be Kind
to one another,
tender hearted,
forgiving each other,
just as
GOD
also in
Christ
forgave you

EPHESIANS 4:32