Presbyterian Church of Vinton



Hope for the best,
Prepare for the worst,
Then take what God
chooses to send.

Presbyterian Church of Vinton
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sunday, November 15, 2026 **10:30 AM**

Prelude **Organist**

Welcome And Announcements **Liturgist**
***A special welcome to our online visitors*.**

Camp Bear Creek **Guest**

Introit **Lord of the Dance** **Hand Bells**

Call to Worship **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.

For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. 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!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

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

***Hymn #4 How Great Thou Art**

***Call to Confession Liturgist**

When we remember all the mistakes we have made, all the careless words we have spoken, all the contempt we have given to those around us, we have trouble looking God in the eye. But God gazes at us with mercy and love, waiting to forgive us. Join me as we pray, saying,

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Again, we must confess, Master of the Universe, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make.

Have mercy, Journeying God, have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***Assurance of Pardon Liturgist**

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Servant.

The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Scripture **Zephaniah 1:7-18** **Liturgist**

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand! The
Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.8 And on
the day of the Lord's sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king's
sons and all who dress themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that day I will
punish all who leap over the threshold, who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud. 10 On that day, says the Lord, a cry will be
heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud
crash from the hills.11The inhabitants of the Mortar wail, for all the
traders have perished; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12 At that
time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord
will not do good, nor will he do harm." 13Their wealth shall be
plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not
drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and
hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior
cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress
and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and
gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast
and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty
battlements. 17I will bring such distress upon people that they shall
walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their
blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18Neither
their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the
Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be
consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants
of the earth.

Scripture **Matthew 25:14-30** **Pastor**

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and
entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to
another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he
went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went
off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same

way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
[19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Special Music	**Psalm of Gratitude**	**Hand Bells**
Message	**A Shadow of Doubt**	**Pastor**
***Hymn #25**	**Immortal, Invisible**	

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 #52 v.1,6 O God, Our Help**

***Benediction**
Postlude

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*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: Fellowship 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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Next Sunday,November 22, 2026
Pastor: Johannes Poetschner
Scriptures: Ezekiel 34: 11-24
Matthew 25:31-46
Theme: The Last Judgment
Liturgist: Kelly Henkle
Ushers: Fellowship Committee

Announcements

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

November 22 – Advent Decorating

November 26, 2026 (Thanksgiving Day): Blessed Hope Community Church will be hosting a free Thanksgiving dinner. It is from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at The Well, 417 1st Avenue. Vinton, IA. It is Free and Everyone is Welcome.

Please turn into the office any information or pictures you would like in the December Post by November 20th.

Thank you to the Fellowship 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.

Attendance on November 8: 38 + 2 visitors

Zoom: (3) Facebook: (5) Views for the week: 74

<u>This Week:</u>

Monday, November 16:	**9:00 – 12:00 AM**	**Office Closed**
	6:00 PM	**Hand Bell Practice**
Tuesday, November 17:	**9:00-11:00 AM**	**Sewing Group**
Wednesday, November 18:	**1:30 PM**	**Bible Study**
	6:30 PM	**Sessions Meeting**
	5:30 – 6:30 PM	**Confirmation Class**