

# *Presbyterian Church of Vinton*



*Pray for a good harvest,  
but continue to hoe.*

**Presbyterian Church of Vinton  
7th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**Sunday, July 12, 2026**

**10:30 AM**

**Prelude**

**Organist**

**Welcome And Announcements**

**Liturgist**

*A special welcome to our online visitors.*

**Responsive Call to Worship**

**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. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

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

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

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

**\*Hymn # 275**

**How Firm a Foundation**

**\*Call to Confession**

**Liturgist**

We talk about lives of faith but are usually found walking down the streets of seduction and temptation. God sends the Spirit to live in us, so we might have life with God. Let us confess our missteps as we pray together,

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**We walk through the world, Life Giver, so focused on ourselves, that we do not notice sin laying traps for us. We choose favorites, hurting folks looking for love. In our rush to grasp what we want, we let go of your promises given for us. In resisting your claims on us, we turn our backs on your dreams for us. Forgive us, Promise Keeper, and have mercy. We are heirs of your trust; like Jacob, we receive your grace even when we have done nothing to deserve it; like Esau, we share in your promises. May Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, sow seeds of faithfulness and hope in our hearts.**

**\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

**Liturgist**

God leans over so that the great heart of forgiveness and hope might touch our own, healing us and restoring us to new life.

**Not condemnation, but God's compassion;  
not judgment, but God's justice;  
not a punishment, but God's grace.  
We are forgiven and loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Scripture**

**Matthew 13:1-17**

**Liturgist**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>If you have ears, hear!"

<sup>10</sup>Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. <sup>12</sup>For to 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. <sup>13</sup>The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' <sup>14</sup>With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

'You will indeed listen but never understand, and you will indeed look but never perceive. <sup>15</sup>For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, so that they might not look with their eyes, and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.'

<sup>16</sup>"But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. <sup>17</sup>Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

**Scripture**

**Matthew 13:18-23**

**Pastor**

<sup>18</sup>"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**Message**

**Haves and Have Nots**

Hymn # 270

Wonderful Words of Life

Invitation To Offering

Pastor

Offertory

Pastor

\*Doxology

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer: (when asking for a prayer or joy, state your name)

Responsive for Joy: Lord, with Thanksgiving! Hear our prayer.

Responsive 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

Pastor

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

### Today's Service

**Pastor:** Johannes Poetschner  
**Liturgist:** Pauline Elwick  
**Organist:** Inge Schminke  
**Ushers:** Finance, Memorial/Mission

### Every Sunday's Schedule

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, Pauline Elwick and Jax Elwick.

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

**President of the Corporation:** Terrie Johnson

Treasurer: Linda Druschel

Secretary: Bonnie Peacock



7/18 Parker Arnold

**Next Sunday, July 19, 2026**

**Pastor:** Johannes Poetschner  
**Scriptures:** 1 Kings 3:5-12  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
**Theme:** History Of Music In The Church  
**Liturgist:** Terrie Johnson  
**Ushers:** Finance, Memorial/Mission

**Announcements**

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**2026 Per Capita: \$46.63**

**Attendance on July 5, 2026: 28 and 6 visitors**

**Zoom: (4) Facebook: (2) Views for the week: 106**

**Thank You to Linda and Larry Druschel for the Coffee and Treats in Fellowship Hall following our morning service.**

**This Week:**

Monday, July 13	9:00AM-12:00 PM	Office is closed
Tuesday, July 14	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Sewing Group
Friday, July 17	9:00AM-12:00 PM	Office is open



**Sunday, July 12-Wednesday, July 15**

Exploring 5 foundational truths about the nature of God. Get kids ready to embark on a wild, creature-filled adventure at Rainforest Falls where kids learn that God is Creator, All-knowing, our Refuge, Love, and Forever. Group VBS 2026



## *Secular Sunday*

**Join us Sunday morning, July 19<sup>th</sup> for a morning of joyful music.** The Worship Committee and Allison Hicks will be leading us with hymns and music accompanied by our band. We are so fortunate to have so much musical talent within our congregation.

