Presbyterian Church of Vinton



Life is not the wick or the candle – it is the burning

Presbyterian Church of Vinton
First Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, November 29, 2026 **10:30 AM**

Prelude **Organist**

Introit **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** **Choir**

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

***Advent Video** **Hallelujah Christmas**

Lighting the Candle/Call to Worship **Liturgist**

Reader 1: This is the first Sunday of Advent when we read again of how God's people were waiting for the coming of the Messiah. Advent is the season of waiting and preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Reader 2: This time of waiting is also a time for us to be working for peace among the nations, and peace with each other. It is a time for us to change our priorities as we walk in the light that God gives us.

Reader 1: As part of our Advent waiting, we celebrate Christ's coming by making an Advent wreath and lighting its candles to remind us of the hope Christ bring to the world. The round shape of the wreath reminds us of the unbroken love of God. The green branches speak of new life, and the candles proclaim the light that came into the world with Jesus Christ.

Reader 2: Today we light the first candle. The flickering of the flame reminds us that our waiting is a time of both contemplation and action. (The candle is lit)

(Unison Prayer)
Dear God, through your Spirit you spoke to prophets, and the people prayed and waited for a Messiah to come. Through your Spirit you spoke to Mary and Joseph, and they responded and waited for their child to be born. Through your Spirit, speak to each of us that we may feel your presence and know your will in our Advent waiting this year. Amen.

***Hymn #119 O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful**

***Call to Confession** **Liturgist**

Advent is the season
of preparing,
of waiting,
of hoping
so let us confess to the One who comes, our impatient, toe-tapping, instant-gratification-filled lives, as we pray, saying

***Prayer of Confession**

God who is drawing near to us:
we live in a world of violence,
which we do not condemn enough:
Come to us, with your peace.
We are filled with the best of intentions,
but are unable to follow through with action:
Come to us, with your will.
We are sinners, who are afraid
to gaze into your mirror of grace:
Come to us, with your mercy.
Word of Flesh:
have mercy;
Friend of the poor:
have mercy;
Bridegroom of the faithful:
have mercy.

Responsive Assurance of Pardon **Liturgist**

In this season of waiting, the Good News is this: mercy, new life, hope, and joy are the gifts we receive from our God.

Thanks be to the God of Advent, who came in the Child, who is with us in the Spirit, who will come again in glory! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Scripture **Isaiah 64:1-9** **Liturgist**

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the
mountains would quake at your presence—2 as when fire kindles
brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name
known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your
presence! 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you
came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From ages
past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye had seen any
God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5 You meet
those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But
you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself, we
transgressed. 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all
our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and
our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls
on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden
your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our
potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly angry,
O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Scripture **Mark 13:24-32** **Pastor**

24 "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and
the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from
heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 "Then they
will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.
27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four

winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. [28]"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [32]"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father.

Special Music **Angels We Have Heard** **Choir**

Message **The Coming of the Messiah** **Pastor**

***Hymn #131** **Angels, from the Realms of Glory** **(vs. 1, 2)**

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 #124** **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

***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: Graham Henkle
Organist: Inge Schminke
Ushers: Fellowship Committee

Every Sunday's Schedule

9:15 AM Youth Sunday School
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM Hand Bell Practice
10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service
11:30 AM Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

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Deacons: Marilyn Yedlik(Chr.), Jorgie Bendull, Karen Buseman, Gwen Eells, Marti Eckhart, Joan Oliphant, Ron Tippett, Dianna Wiese.
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11/29 Jennifer Rake
11/30 Bud Maynard
11/30 Paul Smalley
12/2 Andrew Pingenot
12/2 Mark Pingenot
12/4 Darrell Kenney
12/5 Janay Bendull



Next Sunday, December 6, 2026

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner
Liturgist: Mindy Burke
Scriptures: Isaiah 40:1-11
Mark 1:1-8
Ushers: Deacons

Announcements

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

Congregational Meeting to elect Elders and Deacons for 2027 will be held on **Dec. 6.**
Elders: Terrie Johnson- 1-year term, Jeff Holmes-3 yr. Term; One vacancy.
Deacons: Jerry Blank- 3-year term, 2-vacancies.
Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Installation of Elders and Deacons will be held on **Dec. 13**.

Farmers Savings Bank Holiday Open House; **Friday December 4th**; 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM Please sign up! Our church will receive a $3 donation for each person who signs up.

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 22: 39 + 8 visitors
Zoom: (3) Facebook: (4) Views for the week: 79

This Week:

Monday, November 30:	**9:00 – 12:00 AM**	**Office Closed**
	6:00 PM	**Hand Bell Practice**
Tuesday, December 1:	**9:00-11:00 AM**	**Sewing Group**
	5:00 PM	**Friendship Fellowship**
Wednesday; December 2:	**9 AM**	**Worship Committee**
	5:30 – 6:30 PM	**Confirmation Class**
Thursday, December 3:	**7:30 AM**	**Men's Breakfast**