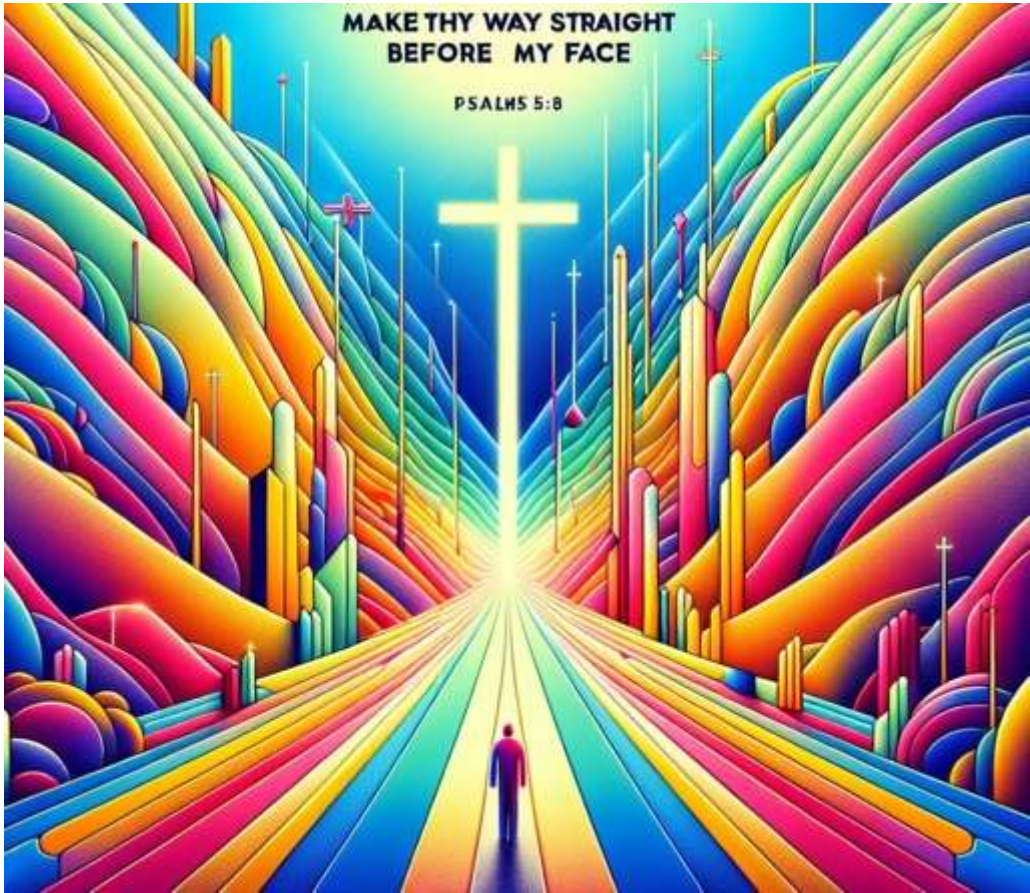


Presbyterian Church of Vinton



Democracy is nothing but an attempt to apply the principles of the Bible to a human society.
William Speer

**Presbyterian Church of Vinton
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

Mission Statement:

"A Voice of Hope and Love to All"

Sunday, November 1, 2026 *All Saints Day* 10:30 AM

Prelude

Organist

Welcome And Announcements Liturgist

A special welcome to our online visitors.

Responsive Call to Worship from Psalm 43 Liturgist

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

***Hymn #575**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

***Call to Confession**

Liturgist

We know how easy it is to do exactly the opposite of what we learn from our Teacher, Jesus. So, let us draw near to our God, for in confessing our failures, we will discover the grace and mercy God has in store for us. Join me as we pray, saying,

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

When we come to the edge of your holiness, Constant Love, we know how we have not lived as your children. We dam up for ourselves your rivers of love, while the lives around us turn into deserts of loneliness. All too quickly, we place our feet on the quicksand of fear, not wanting to step across them to your faith. We tie up our angers and worries and burden our families and friends with them.

Forgive us, Listener to our Hearts. By your patient grace, give us more time to practice our calling to discipleship, so we might learn all we need to live as sisters and brothers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

This is the good news: God hears you, God forgives you, God is with you as you journey into that land called Promise.

Let the redeemed of God say: this is indeed great news!

Accepting God's word of joy and grace, we will live as God's children in all the days to come. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Scripture

Micah 3:5-12

Liturgist

⁵ Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry "Peace" when they have something to eat but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths.

⁶ Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; ⁷ the seers shall be disgraced and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. ⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. ⁹ Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, ¹⁰ who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem

with wrong! ¹¹ Its rulers give judgment for a bribe; its priests teach for a price; its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, "Surely the LORD is with us! No harm shall come upon us." ¹² Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the temple a wooded height.

Scripture

Matthew 23:1-12

Pastor

¹ Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ² "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; ³ therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴ They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵ They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶ They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷ and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸ But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. ⁹ And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Message

Once More unto the Breach

Pastor

***Hymn #569**

Battle Hymn of the Republic

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!**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give our thanks and praise...with the faithful of every time and place, we sing.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine ... we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

**Communion Of the People
Words Of Institution
Distribution Of Elements**

Pastor

***Hymn #204**

Rock of Ages

(vs. 1 & 4)

***Benediction
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: 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 8, 2026

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner

Scriptures: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
Matthew 25:1-13

Theme: Wisdom and Faith

Liturgist: Marilyn Yedlik

Ushers: Fellowship Committee

Announcements

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

Harvest Dinner is *Sunday, November 8th*.

Need information for the Post as soon as possible. Please!

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 October 25: 30 + 6 visitors

Zoom: (2) Facebook: (3) Views for the week: 75

This Week:

Monday, November 2:	9:00 – 12:00 AM	Office Closed
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Practice
Tuesday, November 3:	9:00-11:00 AM	Sewing Group
	5:00 PM	Friendship Fellowship
Wednesday, November 4:	9:00 AM	Worship Committee
	1:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
	2:00 PM	Bible Study
	5:30 – 6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Thursday, November 5:	7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast



Harvest Dinner November 8, 2026

Menu

Soups: Chili, Cheesy Potato, Chicken Rice
Corn Bread – Crackers
Veggie Tray & Dip
Fruit Salad
Dessert
Drinks

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Harvest Dinner – November 8th

Name _____

Number Attending _____