

Presbyterian Church of Vinton



*Expect great things from God,
Attempt great things for God.*

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mission Statement:

"A Voice of Hope and Love to All"

Sunday, August 23, 2026

10:30 AM

Prelude

Liturgist

Welcome And Announcements

Liturgist

A special welcome to our online visitors

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 138

Liturgist

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

All shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

***Hymn # 8**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

***Call to Confession**

Liturgist

We are so much like Peter. Jesus tells us what it will take to follow him, and we want to argue. Jesus shows us the way to the Kingdom and we look for another path. Let us put down all that keeps us from following Jesus, as we confess our lives to God, praying,

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, God of mystery. The desires of the world would shape us into people you would not recognize. The demands of our society pull us away from your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, the successful, but you are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.

Forgive us, Merciful God, for looking for you in all the wrong places. Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and go forth to serve your people, in Christ's name.

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

It is so easy to think like the world, that money will give us happiness, that power will earn us grace. But Paul reminds us that if we think like Christ, and live for others, we will find true freedom.

Not only our minds, but may God transform our hearts and spirits into the likeness of Christ, so we may be faithful disciples. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Scripture

Isaiah 51:4-9

Liturgist

⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

⁷ Listen to me, you who know righteousness, you people who have my teaching in your hearts; do not fear the reproach of others, and do not be dismayed when they revile you. ⁸ For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool, but my deliverance will be forever and my salvation to all generations. ⁹ Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD! Awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago! Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon?

Scripture**Matthew 16:13-20****Pastor**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Message**What Am I?****Pastor*****Hymn # 106****Praise Him! Praise Him!****Invitation To Offering****Pastor****Offertory*****Doxology****Sharing of Joys and Concerns****Pastoral Prayer: (when asking for a prayer or joy, state your name)****Response for Joy: Lord giving Thanks! 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 # 116*Take the Name of Jesus with You****(vs. 1,2)*****Benediction****Pastor****Postlude**

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

Today's Service

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner
Liturgist: Jax Elwick
Organist: Inge Schminke
Ushers: Worship Committee

Every Sunday's Schedule

10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service
11:30 AM Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

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Next Sunday, August 30, 2026

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner
Scriptures: Jeremiah 15:15-20
Matthew 16:21-27
Theme: Standing Firm in the Witness of Christ
Liturgist: Rosemary Schwartz
Ushers: Worship Committee

Announcements

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

Thank you to the Worship Committee for the Coffee and Treats in Fellowship Hall following our morning service.

Today the Worship Committee is hosting a picnic downstairs with Pulled Pork Sandwiches. Everyone is welcome!

2026 Per Capita: \$46.63

Attendance on August 16: 25 + 6 guests

Zoom: (1) Facebook: (4) Views for the week: 68

This Week:

Monday, August 24	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Office closed
Tuesday, August 25	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Sewing Group
Wednesday, August 26	2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Bible Study (Romans 1)

