

Presbyterian Church of Vinton



*Consider
that this day shall
never dawn again.
(Dante)*

Presbyterian Church of Vinton

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mission Statement:

"A Voice of Hope and Love to All"

Sunday, September 20, 2026

10:30 AM

Prelude

Liturgist

Welcome And Announcements

Liturgist

A special welcome to our online visitors

Responsive Call to Worship

from Psalm 145

Liturgist

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

***Hymn # 59**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

***Call to Confession**

Liturgist

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray saying,

Unison Prayer of Confession

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it – but surely, not us).

Forgive us, Presence of Peace.

Instead of grumblers,

may we be ambassadors of grace.

Instead of continual complaining,

may we carry compassion to the hurting.

Instead of whiners,

may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life. God has kept the covenant.

We have been forgiven; we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Scripture

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Liturgist

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

¹ But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that

he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die."

¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16

Pastor

²⁰ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Message

Clockwork Divine

Pastor

Hymn #51

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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 #483

Lead On, O King Eternal

***Benediction**

Pastor

Postlude

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

Today's Service

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner

Liturgist: Marilyn Yedlik

Organist: Inge Schminke

Ushers: Building & Grounds

Every Sunday's Schedule

10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service

11:30 AM Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

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9/20 Monet Elwick

9/23 Andrew Eells

9/26 Tom Wiese

Next Sunday, September 27, 2026

Pastor: Johannes Poetschner

Scriptures: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Matthew 21:23-32

Theme: Common Sense and the Justice of God

Liturgist: Ron Tippet

Ushers: Building & Grounds

Announcements

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

Today is Bonnie Peacock's retirement celebration as church secretary after the morning service. Punch, nuts, mints and cake will be served. The cake was made by Marilyn Yedlik's daughter Sara. Thank you Sara!

Congratulations & Happy Retirement Bonnie!!

Pastor Hans is putting together a Confirmation Class for children in middle school and above that have not been confirmed or baptized. Classes will be on Wednesday's beginning October 7th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM and will continue through February 2027.

2026 Per Capita: \$46.63

Attendance on September 13: 48 + 11 visitors

Zoom: (2) Facebook: (3) Views for the week: 63

This Week:

Sunday, September 20:	9:15 AM	Youth Sunday School
	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School
Monday, September 21:	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Office closed
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Practice
Tuesday, September 22:	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Sewing Group
Wednesday, September 23:	2:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Sessions Meeting



So the **LAST**
will be
FIRST
and the **FIRST**
LAST.

Matthew 20:1-16