

# *Presbyterian Church of Vinton*



*Whatever makes good  
Christians, makes good citizens.  
(Daniel Webster)*

**Presbyterian Church of Vinton  
Day of Pentecost/Memorial Day**

**Mission Statement:**

*“A Voice of Hope and Love to All”*

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

**10:30 AM**

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**Prelude**

**Organist**

**Introit**

**Memorial Day Tribute**

**Video**

**Welcome And Announcements**

**Liturgist**

*A special welcome to our online visitors.*

**Responsive Call to Worship**

**Psalm 104**

**Liturgist**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

They all look to you, to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.**

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

**May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.**

**\*Hymn # 259**

**Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

**\*Call to Confession**

**Liturgist**

When our lives remain hidden, when our hearts are shuttered, when our souls are filled with fear because of all we have done and said, God comes, breathing new life, blowing away our failings, restoring us to new hope. Please join me, as we pray together, saying,

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Spirit of Pentecost would that all might tell of your wonders in our lives, your overflowing grace – but we are too busy complaining of someone’s social media post. Would that we might share the Spirit which has transformed our lives, but we bottle it up, hoping to sell it on the internet. Would that we might let go of all the envy we have about others, but we let it erode our soul’s day by day.**

**Forgive us and pour your mercy into the closed rooms of our hearts. Breathe your peace upon us, that we might be healers of brokenness. Breathe your hope upon us, that we might open ourselves to the lonely. Breathe your love into us, that we might be as generous and welcoming as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

**Liturgist**

Listen! This is the good news spoken long ago yet brought fresh to us by the Holy Spirit. God forgives us and fills us with all things new.

**Thanks be to God! God gives us new hope, new joy, new life – this day and all the days to come. Amen. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Scripture**

**1 Corinthians 13:3-13**

**Liturgist**

<sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; <sup>5</sup> it is not arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. <sup>13</sup> So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**Scripture**

**John 15:12-17**

**Pastor**

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> This I command you, to love one another.

**Special Music**

**God Bless America**

**Video**

**Message**

**Trial By Love and Fire**

**Pastor**

**Hymn # 569**

**Battle Hymn of the Republic**

**Invitation To Offering**

**Pastor**

**Offertory**  
**\*Doxology**

**Pastor**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

...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 # 572**

**America the Beautiful**

**\*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: Marilyn Yedlik**  
**Organist: Inge Schminke**  
**Ushers: Fellowship Committee**

**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



5/29 Jeff Holmes

**Next Sunday, May 31, 2026**

**Pastor:** Johannes Poetschner

**Scriptures:** Genesis 1:1-3

Matthew 28:16-20

**Theme:** The Spirit of God Active in This World

**Liturgist:** Guest

**Ushers:** Fellowship Committee

## Announcements

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

**2026 Per Capita: \$46.63**

**Attendance on May 17, 2026: 39 and 2 visitors**

**Zoom: (1) Facebook: (4) Views for the week: 78**

### **This Week:**

Monday, May 25	9:00AM-12:00 PM	Office is closed
Tuesday, May 26	9:00 AM-11:00 PM	Sewing Group
Friday, May 29	9:00AM-12:00 PM	Office is closed

### **Job Opportunity:** Our church secretary is retiring.

The Personnel Committee is looking for a part-time secretary for 12 hours a week at the church office.

- Must possess good computer skills with experience with MS Office software and ability to learn other church related programs. Ability to create using templates, church bulletins and newsletters.
- Interaction with other church staff, committees and the Pastor, excellent people skills as needed for completing the business of the church. For more information, please contact Rosemary Schwartz, chair Personnel Committee at 319-504-9376 or email resume at [rschwartz53@gmail.com](mailto:rschwartz53@gmail.com)

### **Volunteers Needed**

**The Vinton-Shellsburg Community School** is going to offer Summer Meals again this summer beginning on Monday, June 8th. Our Church will be serving on Wednesdays from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Two volunteers are needed each day. The dates of operation will be June 8th - 30th, July 6th-31st, and August 3rd - 7th. **There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you would like to volunteer.**

## It's Time to Start Preparing for VBS.

Please find a list of items that are needed. There will be an announcement as to where to put the donations.



There is a box for VBS donated items in the fellowship hall under the VBS poster by the refreshments table

### Donations:

Gift cards for food and crafts.

### Needed for crafts and decor:

Craft rope or twine.

Empty Pringles cans,  
Empty paper towel rolls,  
Brown twisted packing material.

Green construction paper,  
Green rectangular vinyl tablecloths

Green napkins,

Green plastic cups,

Tissue paper for flowers

Craft moss

Spray foam

Rainforest plants/trees - artificial or real



**God Bless America**