

# *Presbyterian Church of Vinton*



## *The Story of Christmas*

**Presbyterian Church of Vinton  
3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 14, 2025,**

**10:30 AM**

**Prelude**

**Organist**

**Welcome And Announcements**

**Liturgist**

*A special welcome to our online visitors.*

**Lighting the Candle/Call to Worship**

**Liturgist**

**Reader 1:**

On this third Sunday of Advent, we join with the writers of Scripture to sing of hope and healing. With our hearts we praise the Lord, and we are glad because of God our Savior.

**Reader 2:**

Healing takes many forms. People are healed from disease, social and political injustice are corrected, even the earth itself can be restored to support new life.

**Reader 1:**

Elizabeth recognized that Mary would give birth to a child who would save his people, and Mary sang a song of praise to God. But her song is not a lullaby to soothe people to sleep. Her song is strong declaration of God's greatness.

**Reader 2:**

God's greatness was shown in Christ and is still active in the world. The child of Mary brought a message of healing that continues as we follow Christ's words and actions.

**Reader1:**

God's desire is for healing and reconciliation. The flame of this third candle reminds that God calls us to be part of the healing of the world.

**Unison Prayer**

**So many people need your healing and hope. In this season of giving, and on every day of the year. Help us to say do those things that continue Christ's ministry of compassion and caring. Amen.**

**\*Hymn # 137**

## **What Child is This**

**Invitation To Offering**

**Pastor**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastor**

**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.**

**Christmas Program**

**The Story of Christmas**

Arrangement by Kelly Henkle

Directed by Cindy Tippet

**Lakelynn Batey ~~ Grandparents:** Randy and Angie-Merchant Stueck

**Bennett Burke, Libbie Burke:** Parents: Tom and Mindy Burke

Grandparents: Larry and Linda Druschel

**Jax Elwick:** Parents: Rob and Lisa Elwick

Grandparents: John and Pauline Elwick

Don Chensvold and Peggy Chensvold

**Isaac Spencer** Parents: Nick and Kendra Newbrough

**Caroline Mefford, Lorelei Mefford, Myla Mefford**

Parents: Chris and Emily Mefford

Grandparents: Ron and Cindy Tippet

Grandparents: Dennis and Nancy Lausar

**Isla Newbrough, Ivy Newbrough** Parents: Nick and Kendra Newbrough

**Carson Page** Parents: Kirk and Barbara Page

Grandparents: Dennis and Nancy Lausar

**“House band”:**

Directed by Allison Hicks

Singers- Tammy Fett, Kelly Henkle, Paul Smalley, Marilyn Yedlik

Pianist- Inge Schminke

Bass guitar- Loren Henkle

Acoustic guitar - Lee Bendull, Kathy Blank

Percussion- Nancy Baldwin

***Please Remember to fill out the yellow slip that indicates you attended church today.***

**Today's Service**

**Minister: Pastor Hans**

**Liturgist: Pauline Elwick And Jax Elwick**

**Organist: Inge Schminke**

**Ushers: Deacons**

**Every Sunday's Schedule**

9:15 AM Youth Sunday School

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School

9:45 AM Small Group choir warm up in the choir room  
(Sundays (1,2,4))

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, and Marilyn Yedlik.

**Deacons:** Kathy Blank (Chr.), Jorgie Bendull, Karen Buseman, Gwen Eells, Marti Eckhart, Jean Lewis, Joan Oliphant, Dianna Wiese

**President of the Corporation:** Terrie Johnson

Treasurer: Linda Druschel

Secretary: Bonnie Peacock

## **Next Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**Pastor Johannes Poetschner**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 7:13-15

Matthew 1:18-25

**Theme:** The Coming of The Lord

**Liturgist:** Kelly Henkle



12/14	Eli Page
12/17	Caitlin Dahl
12/17	Pauline Elwick
12/18	Nathan Kurtz
12/19	Chase Rippel

## **Announcements**

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

**Per Capita: \$45.34 Attendance on December 14, 2025: (due to Snow, no service)**

## **This Week:**

Monday, December 15

Tuesday, December 16 9:00-11:00 AM

Wednesday, December 17 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 18 5:45-7:15 PM

Office Closed

Sewing Group

Session Meeting

Hand Bell Choir

## Thank You

**Thank you** to all who brought treats to share this morning for Fellowship in Fellowship Hall following this morning's service.

## Share with us!

Share information, pictures, recipes, etc. to be placed in the Post.

## Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day-

Plans are underway to prepare our 12<sup>th</sup> annual free Christmas dinner for the public. Signup sheets will be out starting Sunday, December 14 to sign up for salads, desserts, and volunteer time to help prepare and serve the meal. We will also need a **cleanup crew**.

The Menu:

*Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, sage dressing, green beans/corn, sweet potatoes, salads, and of course Desserts!*

## Benty County Angel Tree – was mistaken for VAMA

This tree is to help children in need in Benton County.

If interested in one of the tags they are as follows:

If you chose to select an angel—please make sure to mark the in Information in the To: line the page # and the age following it.

They will be picking up the items this net week.

## Offering Presbyterian Church of Vinton

### November Income 2025

Income: \$10,037.38

Year to Date: \$88,847.05

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### Operating Expenses

#### November 2025

Expenses: \$13,705.58

Year to Date: \$131,472.05

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### For your information:

We are 'in the hole' \$42,625.00. Today would be a good day to give, there are only two more Sundays in December.

*Third Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**  
dreamstime

