

Presbyterian Church of Vinton



*Never underestimate the power of
kindness in a world full of
darkness.*

Presbyterian Church of Vinton

4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 30, 2025

10:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome And Announcements

Liturgist

A special welcome to our online visitors.

Introit

Wonderful Words of Life

Sage Holmes

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 32

Liturgist

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit.

While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

*Hymn # 560

For the Beauty of the Earth

(v. 1-2, 5)

***Call to Confession**

Liturgist

We will not hide our sin or remain silent but confess our sins to the One who surrounds us with steadfast love. Please join me as we pray, saying,

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Liturgist

On this very day, Waiting God, we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those we call 'outsiders.' We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make but hope you will ignore our foolish choices.

Celebrating God, before we come to our senses, we find you picking us, sweeping us up in your arms, tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession, a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limitations on your grace, no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home.

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

God rolls away everything that stands in our way - our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!

Broken, we are made whole;

lost, we are brought home;

empty, we are filled with songs of gladness.

We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy.

Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

Liturgist

Scripture	Luke 15:1-7	Pastor
Message	The Chances Not Taken	Pastor
Hymn # 42	Seek Ye First	(vs. 1-3)
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.		
*Hymn # 483	Lead On, O King Eternal	
Benediction		Pastor
Postlude		Pastor

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

Today's Service

Minister: Pastor Hans

Liturgist: Jax Elwick

Organist: Inge Schminke

Ushers: Buildings and Grounds

Every Sunday's Schedule

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service

11:30 AM Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

11:30 AM Choir Practice

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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, Jeff Holmes, Jean Lewis, Joan Oliphant, Dianna Wiese

President of the Corporation: Terrie Johnson

Treasurer: Linda Druschel

Secretary: Bonnie Peacock

Next Sunday, April 6, 2025

Pastor Johannes Poetschner

Scripture readings: Isaiah 16a, 18-21

John 12:1-8

Theme: Revering the Lord

Liturgist: Rosemary Schwartz



3/30 Nancy Woolison

3/30 Emma Lippman

3/31 Hayley Rippel

4/02 Connor Bendull

4/04 Lee Bendull

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 March 23: 58 and 3 visitors

Zoom: (2) Facebook: (2) Last Weeks Views: 46

This Week:

Monday, March 31	9 – noon	Office closed
Monday, March 31	6:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice
Tuesday, April 1	9 – 11 AM	Sewing Circle
Wednesday, April 2	9:00 AM	Worship Meeting
	1:30 PM	Deacon Meeting

Bible Study on the book of Revelations will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM, and the next Bible Study class will be April 2, 2025.

Thank You

To the Buildings and Grounds Committee for the delicious treats in The Fellowship Hall today following our morning worship service.

Congregational Meeting will held today following the Morning Worship Service to approve the 2025 Budget and the Pastor's Call of Terms.

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily in memory of a family member, please have it at the Church by noon on Friday, April 11, 2025. Lets fill up the Lily Tree.

Lenten Services at Our Church

4/13 10:30 AM Palm Sunday Service
4/17 7:00 AM Community Service
4/17 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
4/20 8:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service
4/20 10:30 AM Easter Worship Service

Ecumenical Services – Plan to Attend

Monday, April 14 7:00 PM Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Tuesday, April 15 7:00 PM First Christian Church
Wednesday, April 16 7:00 PM St Mary's Catholic Church
Thursday, April 17 7:00 AM Presbyterian Church of Vinton
Friday, April 18 12:00 PM Wesley Methodist Church

(refreshment to and fellowship to follow except for Friday)

This is sponsored by VAMA (Vinton Area Ministerial Association)

Ecumenical -- Good Friday Service

Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting the Ecumenical Good Friday service on Friday, April 18 at Noon. Your congregation is invited to participate in the Ecumenical choir that will be singing for the service. Those who would like to sing should come to Wesley Church (516 2nd Avenue) that morning at **11 a.m. for rehearsal in the choir room on the 2nd floor.** (We have an elevator to all floors and also

ramp accessibility to the choir loft.) Music will be handed out at rehearsal, but if anyone would like music ahead of time, please call Lori Ferguson at Wesley Church, 319-472-2581. We look forward to you joining us!

Great Hour of Sharing

The fish banks for the Great Hour of Sharing will be located in Fellowship Hall. The message about the Great Hour of Sharing is on the insert in the bulletin along with an envelope to contribute to the Program.

Sunrise Service at 8:00AM on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Plan to attend! The Menu: Pancakes, French Toast, fresh fruit and drinks. Be sure to make your reservation below. Tear off and put in the collection plate.

Are you interested in a free piano for your home?

The Baldwin piano in Fellowship Hall could be yours. If interested check with the office.

Please remember to fill out the yellow attendance slip.

Vision Statement:

"A Community Rooted in Faith"

Mission Statement:

"A Voice of Hope and Love to All"

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**Reservation for Sunrise Breakfast**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **#** \_\_\_\_\_