



**VINJE**

DECEMBER 28, 2025

9:30 AM

gathering

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.*

**Amen.**

**HYMN**

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

HYMN #275

**PRAYER**

*welcome...we're glad you're here!*

We are so glad that you are here and worshiping God with us today. We know that God loves and welcomes all people and so we do our best to do the same. Feel comfortable being who God created you to be in this space and listen for the ways that the Holy Spirit is calling you to faith and a deeper love for your neighbor. Thanks for joining this community of faith, service, and worship today. You are always welcome!

**SCRIPTURE**

ISAIAH 60:1-9

*Word of God, Word of Life.***Thanks be to God.****MESSAGE**

MATTHEW 2:1-12

**HYMN**

HYMN #282

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****APOSTLES' CREED****PRAYERS**

"I WONDER IF  
THE THREE WISE  
MEN SAID TO JESUS, 'JUST  
TO BE CLEAR, THESE GIFTS  
ARE FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY  
AND CHRISTMAS.'"  
- ANONYMOUS

*At Vinje, we believe all  
people are welcome  
at the Lord's Table  
regardless of any  
circumstance.*

**SOLO****OFFERING PRAYER****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****COMMUNION****HYMNS**

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE

HYMN #288

AWAY IN A MANGER

HYMN #277

**BENEDICTION**

*May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the magi, and the light and life of the Christ child. And may the almighty God who is with us today bless you now and forever.*

**Amen.****HYMN**

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

HYMN #290

**DISMISSAL***Go in peace, Christ is with you.***Thanks be to God.**

## SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

<b>PASTORS</b>	Dane Skilbred
<b>USHERS</b>	Mark Bredeson Kirk Davis
<b>LECTOR</b>	Ron Carlson

<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Su Michelson, piano Ceci Buzzeo, soloist
<b>SLIDES</b>	Suzanne Napgezsek
<b>CAMERAS</b>	Anthony Buzzeo
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Lynn Peterson

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## Remember in Prayer

*We would like to check in on you or your loved ones when ill or hospitalized. If you or someone you know is in the hospital please let one of the pastors or the church office know.*

### RECENTLY ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

Mary Mielke, Kerry Selseth,  
Serenity Erbst, Amanda Newberg,  
Lori Boike, Barb Stier-Aal

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office or email [tanyas@vinjchurch.com](mailto:tanyas@vinjchurch.com) if you would like to sponsor the bulletin (\$75), broadcast (\$95), bus (\$60), or coffee (\$40) or all(\$250).

**Sponsors are needed for: 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22**

**This week's bulletin is sponsored by Pat Jacobs in memory of Rick Smith.**

**This week's broadcast is sponsored by Sonja Westre in memory of her husband, Earl Westre.**

## JANUARY SERMON SERIES: THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG

"This Is My Story. This Is My Song" is a worship series dedicated to rediscovering the heart of some of our most beloved hymns. Each week we will look carefully at a single hymn—its origin, its text, the Scripture that shaped it, and the faith that inspired it. We'll listen for the spiritual heartbeat behind the lyrics and consider how these words continue to speak God's truth into our lives today.

Whether you've known these hymns since childhood or are encountering them for the first time, this series is an invitation to let the music shape you more deeply. As we sing together, may we not simply repeat familiar lines, but discover again what they profess about the love of God.

WOMEN'S



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
**MONDAYS**  
**JAN 26-APR 13**  
**12 PM**

Building a bridge

between first-century Christianity and our lives today, James: Faith in Action shows how Christianity can work in a postmodern world and calls you to an active allegiance to Jesus Christ and a commitment to living out your faith through bold action.

All are invited to join us for this bible study! **Contact the church office to order your study guide no later than January 8.** Upon arrival, study guides are picked up at the church office and payment made to Vinje Church. Estimated cost is \$7.00.



**LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS**  
**THANK YOU!**

This year's Light of Christmas effort once again revealed the extraordinary generosity of Vinje. Thanks to your care and compassion, gifts were provided for 55 adults and 94 children in our community. These individuals received clothing, toys, food, winter gear, and gift cards that helped brighten their Christmas and remind them that they are not alone. Thank you for embodying the light and love of Christ in such real ways.



**THIS WEEK AT VINJE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
9:30 AM WORSHIP

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30**  
NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT 12PM  
NO WEDNESDAY LIVE!, MEAL, WORSHIP OR CONFIRMATION

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**  
8:45 AM EARLY CHILDHOOD  
SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:25 AM KIDS TIME  
9:30 AM WORSHIP

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 | 8:45 AM**  
Please join us for our Early Childhood Family Sunday school! This class is geared toward young children birth through age 4 (older siblings always welcome!). Activities include stories, art projects, hands on games, and ways for kids to play or act out the story. This is a GREAT way to engage in developmentally appropriate Bible related activities with your child as well as meet other families at the same stage and phase of parenting. We would love for you to join us!



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