

Vinton Baptist Church
Morning Worship
The First Sunday of Advent

*Prelude	Pandemonium Steel Band
<i>"Joy to the World/Gentle Mary"</i>	
Welcome & Opportunities at VBC	Whitney Russell
Advent Reading & Wreath Lighting	The Estienne Family
Call to Worship	Pandemonium Steel Band
<i>"Greensleeves"</i>	
Invocation	Chris Monroe
Hymn No. 175	<i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"</i>
Passing the Peace of Christ	
The Children's Time	Jodi Estienne
4-year-olds - 1st graders are invited to attend Children's Worship in room 201.	
Hymn No. 176	<i>"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"</i>
Morning Prayer	Whitney Russell
Offertory	Pandemonium Steel Band
<i>"Marching in the Light"</i>	
Today's Message	Travis Russell
<i>"One Promise"</i> Isaiah 9:2-7	
Invitation	
Hymn of Invitation No. 195	<i>"Oh, Come, Little Children"</i>
Recognition of Response	Travis Russell
Benediction	Rudy Jones
Postlude	Wanda Melchers

*If you are visiting with us today, welcome! Please complete a green Connect Card, which is located in your sanctuary pew pocket; you may drop it in the offering plate or in a wooden prayer box before you leave today. Or you may complete the Connect Card online at vintonbaptistchurch.org.

This Week's Events
Sunday, November 30th:
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship
No other activities
Monday, December 1st:
9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)
Tuesday, December 2nd:
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (library)
Wednesday, December 3rd:
6:15 PM Children's Choirs
6:15 PM Youth Missions Group
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 4th:
9:30 AM Fun & the Son (room 127)
Vinton Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 6th:
3:00 PM Panamania Steel Drums
Concert (sanctuary)
5:30 PM Disciples Class Party (DC)



A Note to Parents of Small Children:
We are glad to have children worship with us as they grow in Christ! You may hear the "sounds of a growing church" from our pews. A couple tips:
1. Relax! God put the wiggle in children - don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
2. Encourage your child to sing and pray with the congregation. Children learn good behavior in church by copying yours.
3. 4-year-olds - 1st graders are invited to Children's Worship when kids are dismissed after the Children's Time. Nursery is available for newborns - 3-year-olds. 2nd - 5th grade students can fill out a worship worksheet and see a pastor to get a prize from our treasure box!

*Our services are being filmed & broadcast live on the internet.
Recordings can be found at vintonbaptistchurch.org or on our app.*

This year's **Thanksgiving Offering** will go to TLOT (The Least of These Ministry), which is a faith-based organization that assists the homeless in our area. You can find an envelope in your box of envelopes or in your pew pocket. Or simply make your payment to VBC with a memo notating "Thanksgiving Offering." Thanks!

Wednesday: On December 3rd and 10th, we will have Children's Choirs, Youth Missions Group, and Chancel Choir rehearsal only. There is NO Weeknight Worship.

 It's time to order **Christmas poinsettias** to decorate our sanctuary! You can order in honor or memory of a loved one, and all memorials/ honorariums will be noted in The Witness on December 17th. Each poinsettia is \$10. Place your order in the church office and pay by next Sunday, December 7th. You are welcome to pick up your poinsettia and take it home with you after worship on December 28th.

Join us for a seasonal celebration this Saturday at 3 PM in the sanctuary:

PANAMANIA!
STEEL AND SPIRITUAL STEEL PRESENT
Annual Christmas Pan Celebration
SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH AT 3:00 P.M.
FREE ADMISSION
VINTON BAPTIST CHURCH
219 EAST WASHINGTON AVE
VINTON VA 24179

2025 Giving Tree

Join us in spreading joy this holiday season by participating in the 2025 Giving Tree initiative!



Pick a tag from the tree, log it at the Welcome Center, and return your wrapped gift (with tag attached) no later than December 14th. See Whitney with questions.

NEXT SUNDAY:

Come shop at our **Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair** from 12:30 until 4:00 PM! Our gym will be filled with merchandise from 25+ vendors, including local artisans and nationally recognized brands. Concessions will also be available. All vendor registration fees and concessions proceeds benefit our Youth group's 2026 summer camp/mission trip. Spread the word, and invite your friends!



Children's Ministry Updates

Beginning next Sunday and running through the end of the year, we will pilot a new program called **Next Step**, which is designed for our 3-year-olds (we also welcome any 4-year-olds) who are ready to take their "next step" before moving up to Children's Church! In this class, our little ones will learn simple Bible stories designed just for their age group, sing songs, pray, and play together. Our leader is Betty Jo Overstreet. Children can be dropped off starting at 10:15 AM in room 130 (next to our Nursery). They can be picked up after Morning Worship.

Our **Preteen Progressive Dinner** is December 7th, 5:00 - 7:30 PM. All 3rd - 5th graders are welcome! Please meet at the church.

Families are invited to join us at Valley View Grande on December 20th for the 3:00 PM showing of **DAVID!** You can purchase your tickets online now. Please let Jodi know if your family is coming.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering & Post Office

The **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** is collected annually to support international missions. It was named in 1918 in honor of a missionary to China. Every dollar you give goes directly to the mission field and frees missionaries from the burden of fundraising so that they can stay in the field 100% of the time. Help us bring medical supplies, clean water, and the life-transforming message of the gospel to thousands. There is an envelope in your box of envelopes, and they will also be available in the pew pockets by next Sunday.

The **Lottie Moon Post Office** is also available at the Missions Tables. You may use it to "mail" your Christmas cards to VBC members and regular attenders only. The "postage" for each card is 50 cents this year. Please sort your cards alphabetically by last name, put them in the appropriate slots, and add your donation of 50 cents/card to the collection envelope in the corner of the post office. VBC members and regular attenders, please check the post office regularly throughout the Advent season for any cards you may have received.



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Sermon Notes

Promises

Solo Stove

Mom & Dad

Just enough