

# TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA



## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN VISION STATEMENT

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to BE Christ's faithful disciples, living – intentionally – the inward/outward journey as a community of the concerned, a fellowship of the forgiven, and a company of the committed – reaching out to make Christ's presence known in society through face-to-face servant ministry.*

September 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

***"The ringing of the bells moves us from a spirit of getting here to a spirit of being here."***

GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Erin Rainard - September 17

GATHERING SONG: NO. 372 "O For a World"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN: NO. 188 "Jesus Loves Me!"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us when we waste the gift of life, for those times we waste in front of the TV or scrolling on devices, life is made for sharing, for talking and caring for each other.**

**Forgive us when we misuse the gift of life, for those times when we are rude or cruel,**

**life is made for loving each other and finding ways to reconcile with each other.**

**Remind us of how precious each one of us is, of how important it is to treat each other as we want to be treated. Guide us through the changes that come our way, and help us to find ways to cope with them. May we strive to offer ourselves for each other, sacrificing our wants and desires to help bring in your kingdom here and now. Amen.**

*Time for Silent Confession*

**Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 750 "Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 1:29 and Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

SERMON: Children's Stories

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 445 "Listen to the Word that God has Spoken"

\*Invitation to stand

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith*

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.  
But hope plunges us into the struggle  
for victories over evil that are possible now  
in the world, the church, and our individual lives.  
Hope gives us courage and energy  
to contend against all opposition,  
however invincible it may seem,  
for the new world and the new humanity  
that are surely coming.  
Jesus is Lord!  
He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end.  
Even now he is Lord.**

## **NOTES, PRAYERS, & HOLY DOODLES**

### RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\*DOXOLOGY: NO. 290 "O Day of Joy and Wonder" v.3

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 sins, as  
we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN: NO. 765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us Everyday"

\*CHARGE

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 751 "From the Nets of Our Labors " v.5

**Worship Leadership**

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor  
Virginia Healy, Liturgist  
Paulo Steinberg, Pianist  
Amy Lemmons, House Steward

*We welcome all who are visiting with us today  
and encourage you to sign the guest book or to fill out the blue  
“Welcome to Trinity” slip.*

**Trinity Announcements**

**Pride Worship:** We are excited to participate in the first community Pride worship service! Join us the night before Shenandoah Valley Pride to celebrate all of God’s beautiful, fabulous, and dearly beloved people. We will meet this Saturday, Sept. 20, at 5:30pm at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

**Shenandoah Valley Pride Festival:** The annual Shenandoah Valley Pride Festival will be held next Sunday, September 21 at Turner Pavillion from 1-5 p.m. *We are still looking for a few more to help with setting up, staffing Trinity's table, and cleaning up.* For more information, contact the church office. You can sign up online or contact the office to help.

**Special Nurture - Rabbi Jeffery Kurtz-Lendner:** We will hold a special Nurture **this afternoon from 3-5pm.** Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner will be with us to offer a context for some Jewish perspectives on the Middle East through the lens of historic trauma.

**For more details and announcements:** Visit the “What’s Happening Now” page on our website.



**This Week at Trinity**

**September 14 - September 20**

<b>Sunday, September 14</b>	
7:45 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
3:00 pm - Special Nurture	Church House
<b>Monday, September 15</b>	
7:00 pm - Hearts & Hands	Zoom
<b>Tuesday, September 16</b>	
10:30am - Enneagram Class	Centering Space
4:00 pm - Centering Space Meeting	Centering Space
<b>Wednesday, September 17</b>	
5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set Up	Commons
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting	Yoke Room
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open	Commons
<b>Thursday, September 18</b>	
9:00 am - Backpack Program	Commons
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons
<b>Friday, September 19</b>	
5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons
<b>Saturday, September 20</b>	
5:30 pm - Pride Worship Service	Emmanuel Episcopal Church



**More  
Announcements**



**Online  
Calendar**

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN MISSION STATEMENT

Confident of our identity as God's pilgrim people sent into the world to embody the gospel and serve God's people as prophets, we eagerly search – with eyes and ears wide open – for the newness of Christ's love and grace breaking into our lives each day. To ALL, we offer a receptive, safe space:

- to *worship* in creative and participatory ways,
- to *nurture and be nurtured* as we learn and grow together – fearless of the questions and challenges that faith stirs within us,
- to be in *fellowship* with one another – building together a loving, forgiving, caring community; and,
- to experience the *mission* and ministry that calls us out - beyond ourselves – to work with God for justice, peace, and love.

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN SESSION

Stephanie Sorge, *Moderator*  
Linda Bradley, *Clerk of Session*

### CLASS OF 2025

Yogi Gillette  
Mark Dewey  
Mary Lou McMillin  
Susie Phend

### CLASS OF 2026

David Carothers  
Amy Lemmons  
Ginnie Reinhold  
Bob Schminkey

### CLASS OF 2027

Karla Irving  
Stephanie Gardner  
Lauren Strawderman  
Mary Colleen Knapp



Church Office Hours:  
Mon-Fri 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday  
Heather's Sabbath: Tuesday

## Trinity Presbyterian Staff

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