

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.

July 27th 2025 ~ Seventh 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

Amy Lemmons - July 31

GATHERING SONG: NO. 283 "Come, O Holy Spirit, Come"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is Alpha and Omega, beginning and end –

the all-encompassing Life surrounding our every story.

God was, and is, and is to come –

the consistent Truth holding us fast.

God the Almighty calls us even now –

revealing the Way to kingdom life.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are the Living One,

holding the keys to all we long for and all we fear.

Though you call us to shine with your light,

*Invitation to stand

we cannot stand in the glory of your presence.

We pray for your kingdom to come,

but we confess we aren't actually ready for that much change.

We admit to preferring the illusion of control, even when we know it's propaganda.

Forgive us for orienting our lives around the powers of this world, and acting as if they are the only way.

Forgive us for propping up the systems and institutions that harm simply because we cannot imagine anything better.

Forgive us for hiding your light,

and so obscuring your presence among us even now.

Prepare us today to see what is real,

turn us from falsehood to truth,

and overwhelm our reluctance with your grace.

We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 288 "Spirit of the Living God"

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 8:13-20 and Revelation 1:1-11

SERMON: "Dispatches from Exile"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Yet Not I But Christ Through Me"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith, What is God Saying to Trinity*, and *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.

We believe that the Holy Spirit offers us freedom from new molds of our own making. Therefore, we rejoice in the “worldly insecurity” that will enable us to continue in an open-ended search for the will of God, wondering and eagerly listening for what God will say to our church tomorrow.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 709 “God, We Honor You”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER 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.705 “You are Holy”

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 744 “Arise, Your Light is Come” v.1

NOTES, PRAYERS, & HOLY DOODLES

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Teresa Harris, Liturgist
Paulo Steinberg, Pianist
Stephanie Gardner, 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

Clothes Closet: The Clothes Closet is in need of volunteers for the Fifth Wednesday of the month, July 30, 2025. If you are able to help out from 6:15pm-7:45pm, please go to the signup genius link online or contact the office to volunteer. It Takes A Village!

Open Doors Bagged Lunches: Join us on Thursday, July 31 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commons and kitchen to assemble bagged dinners for the residents of Open Doors' Navigation Center! For more information, contact Teresa Harris or the church office.

Nurture Today: Pollinator Gardening Presentation with Anna Maria Johnson. Anna Maria Johnson, a Virginia Master Naturalist and a founder of Plant Ridge and Valley Natives, will share reasons to garden for wildlife as well as practical ways to host beneficial pollinators by utilizing the regional plants to which they are suited.

For more details and announcements: Visit the "What's Happening Now" page on our website.



This Week at Trinity

July 27 - August 2

Sunday, July 27

7:45 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:15 am - Nurture	Church House

Wednesday, July 30

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00 am - Clothes Closet set up	Commons
10:00 am - Reaching Out Book Study	Zoom
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting	Yoke Room
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open	Commons

Thursday, July 31

7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons
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Friday, August 1

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons



*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

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