

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.

November 16th 2025 ~ Twenty-Third 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: from From Sonata for Viola and Piano III. Allegro moderato
Modesta Bor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: NO. 372 "O For a World" v.5

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 411 "God is Here Today" (x2)

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you invite us into the light of your love.
We confess today
that sometimes we prefer the distance.
We prefer what we know,
we resist the less familiar
but still you call us and promise us something different.**

*Invitation to stand

**Forgive our lack of faith that keeps us from wholeheartedly following you,
our lack of vision that keeps us from imagining what you lay before us,
our lack of hope that keeps us from expecting greatness.
Forgive us and open us up to the new life and hope you promise us in Jesus Christ...**

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 8:12 & Isaiah 9:1-7

SERMON: "God is Near"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 470 "There is a Longing In Our Hearts"

*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.**

PRAYERS, NOTES, AND HOLY DOODLES

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY: From Sonata for Viola and Piano II. Madrigal: Andante lento
Modesta Bor

*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.107 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

*CHARGE

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

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Donna Barber, Liturgist
Paulo Steinberg & Dr. Diane Phoenix-Neal, Music
Mary Lou McMillin, 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

Special Music & Concert: We'd like to welcome Dr. Diane Phoenix-Neal, Professor of Viola at James Madison University. Dr. Phoenix-Neal is visiting and will share her musical gifts with us during the service. We give thanks for her presence and the beauty she brings to our worship. She will also be performing with Dr. Paulo Steinberg in a faculty concert titled “Journeys in the Americas.”

*Tuesday, November 18
7:00 PM
JMU Recital Hall (Forbes Center)*

All are warmly invited to attend this special concert, which celebrates the rich and diverse music of the Americas. Tickets are available through the JMU Box Office, online or in person.

Brave Brunch Today: The Harvest Team will host a Brave Brunch after the service today! This is an opportunity to practice cultural humility, a chance to step outside your gastronomical comfort zone. The team will provide Muesli. All are welcome!

Nurture Next Week: For our final Sunday of the Harvest season, we will welcome Nadia Dames, who is a brave leader in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham community. Join us in person following worship.

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



This Week at Trinity
November 16 - November 21

Sunday, November 16	
7:30 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:00 pm - Brave Brunch	Commons
4:00 pm - Session Meeting	Commons
Monday, November 17	
7:00 pm - Hearts & Hands	Zoom
Tuesday, November 18	
10:30am - Enneagram Class	Centering Space
5:00 pm - Yoga	Sanctuary
Wednesday, November 19	
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
Thursday, November 20	
9:00 am - Lectio Divina	Yoke Room
6:30 pm - Enneagram Class	Centering Space
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons
Friday, November 21	
5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons
2:00 pm - Story Corps	Tech Room



**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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