

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA



FACES
OF OUR
FAITH

BOLD & UNTOLD STORIES



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.

August 30th 2026 ~ 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Sid McMillin - August 30

Nancy Camp - September 1

Alice Facknitz - September 3

Hannah Facknitz - September 3

GATHERING SONG: no. 406 "We are Standing on Holy Ground"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: "If I were a Butterfly" by Brian M. Howard

If I were a butterfly

I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings

If I were a robin in a tree

I'd thank you Lord that I could sing

If I were a fish in the sea

I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee

But I just thank you God for making me, me

For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile

You gave me Jesus and you made me your child

And I just thank you God for making me, me

*Invitation to stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN: no. 250 "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived
as Christ has called us to live.

We have shut our eyes to evils our world allows.

We have sealed our ears from the cries of the suffering
whose pain we abide.

We have clung to the hostility we harbor against one another
and hardened our hearts to the creative power of love.

Therefore we pray: Open our eyes to see injustice in our world.

Give us courage to resist the powers that oppress the poor.

Open our ears to hear the cry of the needy.

**Teach us generosity for sharing the abundance of
your creation.**

Open our minds to imagine an end to human strife.

Grant us wisdom to pursue the ways of peace.

Open our hearts to love our neighbors and our enemies
near and far.

Give us desire to embody the compassion of Christ.

For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ we pray.

Time for Silent Confession

Amen

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: no. 286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" v.1

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:4b-15 & Matthew 22:36-40

REFLECTIONS

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: no. 22 "God of the Sparrow"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The Spirit enabled people of all races, classes,
and nations to accept the good news of what
God had done in Christ.**

**We testify that today this same Holy Spirit
makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel
and leads us into the Christian community.**

**The Spirit brings us out of death into life,
out of separation into fellowship.**

**It is not our faith but God's grace in Jesus Christ
that justifies us and reconciles us to God.**

**Yet it is only by faith that we accept God's grace
and live by it.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Sonya Baker, Soprano - "Give Me Jesus"

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: no. 694 "Great God of Every Blessing" v.3

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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. 713 "Touch the Earth Lightly"

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: no. 80 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Preacher
Donna Barber, Liturgist
Paulo Steinberg, Pianist
Sonya Baker, Special Music
Mary Colleen Knapp, 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

JMU Music Faculty Showcase Concert: This morning, we welcome soprano Sonya Baker! Dr. Baker will also perform tomorrow, August 31, at 7:30 PM in the JMU Concert Hall at the JMU Music Faculty Showcase, alongside our own Dr. Paulo Steinberg and Dr. Eric Ruple. Free Admission!

Backpack Program: Keister would appreciate donations of backpacks, black & white composition books (no designs please) & pre sharpened pencils.

Volunteers: The Clothes Closet has an urgent need for 1 more 1st Wednesday volunteer from 6:15-7:45pm. If you are able to help, please contact Kathy Gillette by phone, text, or email. The Finance Team is looking for a couple of persons to help write occasional thank you notes to donors who have made special gifts to Trinity in memory of loved ones. If this opportunity appeals to you, please talk with Linda Bradley or Amy Lemmons. Thank you!

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



This Week at Trinity

August 30 - September 4

Sunday, August 30

7:30 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online

Tuesday, September 1

5:00 pm - Yoga	Sanctuary
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Wednesday, September 2

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, September 3

6:30 pm - Faith & Light	Sanctuary
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

Friday, September 4

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*
Stephanie Gardner, *Clerk of Session*

CLASS OF 2026

David Carothers
Amy Lemmons
Ginnie Reinhold
Bob Schminkey

CLASS OF 2027

Karla Irving
Stephanie Gardner
Lauren Strawderman
Mary Colleen Knapp

CLASS OF 2028

Donna Barber
Mark Facknitz
Lizzy Healy
Rollin Johnson

Contact Us!



Church Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday

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