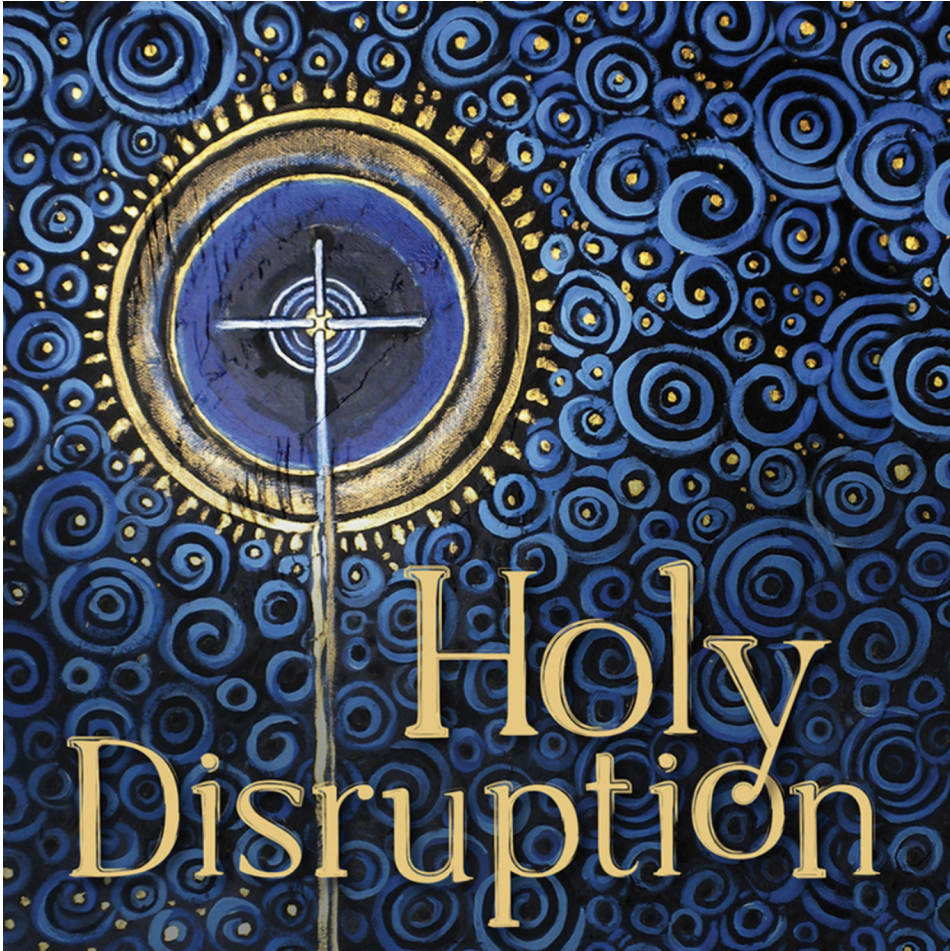


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA



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.

January 21st, 2024 ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Gwen Carr 01/25

GATHERING SONG: NO. 411 "God is Here Today"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen!

All: What are we meant to hear?

Leader: Stories of how God works...

Pulpit Side: in seeds and soil,

Piano Side: in the darkness of the earth,

Pulpit Side: in the unexpected consequences of growth,

Piano Side: in people whose methods surprise us.

All: What if we don't understand?

Leader: Listen again!

All: Thankfully, nothing is hidden forever...we come to hear.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 5 "God, the Sculptor of the Mountains"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, grower of all that is, seen and unseen,
We want to be the kind of soil in which your word can
germinate**

And set its deepest root.

**We want to be the kind of soil in which your word can thrive
And set fruit for the kingdom that will come.**

**We want to be the kind of soil in which your word can ripen
into grain**

And fill the harvest-hungry world with grace.

We want to be the kind of soil that you call very good.

Forgive us when our wanting chokes the furrow

Hardens into stony ground

Withers in the heat of over-wanting.

Turn us over, gracious growing God.

Weed us. Water us. Decompose in us

The kind of cultivation that would hide

The miracles of leaf and flower and fruit

Beneath the work of our own hands.

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 447 "We Are Forgiven"

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 89: 1-4 and Mark 4:1-34

SERMON: "A Field Guide to Discipleship"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 292 "As the Wind Song"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe that God almighty decided to embrace human vulnerability, to become a helpless person, the life-disrupting child of an unwed teen-aged girl with no standing, born in the barn with the cows and the pigs.

We believe that the creator of all that is, seen and unseen, decided to live in the underclass, among goat-milkers, and olive-pickers, and fish-salters, people with nothing to lose but each other.

We believe that God as Christ is the word made flesh, blessing the children, healing the sick, releasing the captives, eating with outcasts, and binding up the brokenhearted - the good news in a human body.

We believe the good news dwells among us when we live the way God decided to live: without protection, with nothing to lose but each other, pouring ourselves out and pouring ourselves out and pouring ourselves out.

Amen.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*FINAL HYMN: NO. 36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 157 "I Danced in the Morning" v.1 & refrain

NOTES, PRAYERS, & HOLY DOODLES

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Mark Dewey, Liturgist
Eric Ruple, Pianist
Mark Facknitz, 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 in your bulletin.*

Trinity Announcements

Spiritual Pilgrimage Opportunity: Join us **TODAY** after service for a short Nurture session to discuss the upcoming opportunity for a Pilgrimage called the Camino de Santiago, in northern Spain.

Upcoming Unveiling of the Trinity Bio-Retention Basin: Please join with representatives of the city and county for the 'unveiling' of the Trinity bio-retention basin, funded by bequests from congregation members, the City of Harrisonburg, and the Shenandoah Water Conservation District, with the able support from Gil Colman Engineering and Partners Excavating **this Thursday, January 25th**, at **12:30pm** in the TPC parking lot.

Annual Congregational Meeting: We will have our annual congregational meeting next Sunday, January 28th, following worship. The meeting will be hybrid, both meeting in person and having the option to join in by Zoom.

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



This Week at Trinity

January 21 - January 27

Sunday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 24

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set-up	Commons
10:00 am - Reaching out CH mtg.	Yoke Room
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting	Sanctuary
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open	Commons
7:30 pm - Nurture Book Study	Zoom

Thursday, January 25

9:00 am - Backpack Program Packing	Keister Elementary
1:00 pm - Line Dancing	Commons
6:30 pm - Enneagram Class	CS rooms
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

Friday, January 26

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*

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Mark Facknitz
Nancy Hopkins-Garriss
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Virginia Healy

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Dane Byers
Mark Dewey
Mary Lou McMillin
Susie Phend



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Mon-Fri 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday
Kim's Sabbath: Tuesday

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