

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.

October 12th 2025 ~ Eighteenth 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
Eleanor Held - October 14

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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this new day, you call us:

Speak, Lord, for we are here.

Young, old, or in-between, you call us:

Speak, Lord, for we are here.

Male, female, or non-binary, you call us:

Speak, Lord, for we are here.

Working, retired, at school, or at home, you call us:

Speak, Lord, for we are here.

Joyful, or sorrowing, rested or restless, you call us:

Speak, Lord, for we are here.

Carefree, or full of care, you call us:

Speak, Lord, for we are here.

In all our diversity, and in our unity, you call us:

Speak, Lord, for we are here.

Speak, Lord, for we are listening.

On this new day, gathered as God's people:
come, let us listen, for God

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 410 "God is Calling through the Whisper"

*Invitation to stand

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who speaks,

we admit that sometimes we don't want to hear.

God who calls,

we admit that sometimes we are too afraid to answer.

God who is always present,

we admit that sometimes we act like you're far away and silent, because it lets us off the hook.

God who demands justice and compassion,

we admit that sometimes we keep out of things, choosing not to get involved because we don't want to rock the boat or put ourselves on the line.

God who does a new thing,

we admit that sometimes we prefer to hold on to the way things have always been.

God who gives gifts and tasks to young and old,

we admit that sometimes we don't want to give up our control to the next generation.

God who listens,

we admit that sometimes we aren't sure how to speak, how to ask, how to pray for a difference.

Forgive us, God who loves,

forgive us for how we have failed, and teach us to live faithfully as your people.

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 20:21-23 and Exodus 1 Samuel 3:1-21

SERMON: “Generation to Generation”

HYMN OF RESPONSE: “Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord

Gentle and Thoughtful (♩ = 66)

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

D/F# E/G# A add9 Dadd9 A Dadd9 A D/F# E/G#

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You— to re-ceive the food of Your Ho-ly Word.
2. Teach us Lord, full o-be-di-ence, Ho-ly rev-er-ence, true hu-mil-i-ty.
3. Speak, O Lord, and re-new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

5 D/F# E/G# A add9 Dadd9 A Dadd9 A/C# Dadd9 E A A/C#

Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;— shape and fash-ion us.— in Your like-ness; That the Test our thoughts and our at-ti-tudes in the ra-di-ance of Your pur-i-ty. Cause our Truths un-changed from the dawn of time, that will ech-o down through e-ter-ni-ty. And by

9 E E/D A add9/C# Esus/D E/D A add9/C# E E/D A add9/C# Dadd9 Esus E

light of Christ might be seen to day— in our acts of love and our deeds of— faith.
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see— Your ma-jes-tic love and au-thor-i-ty.
grace we'll stand on Your prom-is-es;— And by faith we'll walk as You walk with— us.

13 D/F# E/G# A add9 Dadd9 A Dadd9 A/C# D

Speak, O Lord and ful-fill in us— all Your pur-pos-es— for Your
Words of that can nev-er fail;— Let their truth pre-vail— o-ver
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled. with Your

16 Esus E A Dadd9 A/C# Dma7 Esus E

last time

glo-un-be-ry.
ry. glo-lief. ry.

*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.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

MOMENT FOR MISSION

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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL HYMN: NO. 458 “Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

*CHARGE

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

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Kandy Grant, Liturgist
Paulo Steinberg, Pianist
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

March of Lament: Join us for a peaceful March of Lament, in conjunction with No Kings Day, for our 260 friends and neighbors who have been kidnapped from our community in violation of their due process rights. We will gather on the grass by Turner Pavilion on Saturday, October 18, at 9 am and march together to a public witness exhibit on the lawn of Trinity Presbyterian Church. We will mourn the violence done to our community through these kidnappings and lament the ongoing erosion of rights and unlawful, unconstitutional actions of our government. In addition, we need several volunteers to serve as marshals and song leaders. If you are willing to serve in either capacity, please see Mary Lou McMillin.

Called Congregational Meeting: There will be a called congregational meeting on Sunday, October 19, for the purpose of electing Elders to the class of 2028. The meeting will take place in person and on Zoom at 11:15 am.

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



This Week at Trinity

October 12 - October 18

Sunday, October 12	
7:30 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
Tuesday, October 14	
10:30am - Enneagram Class	Centering Space
5:00 pm - Yoga	Sanctuary
Wednesday, October 15	
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, October 16	
9:00 am - Lectio Divinia	Yoke Room
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons
Friday, October 17	
5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons
2:00 pm - Story Corps	Commons
Saturday, October 18	
9:00 am - March of Lament	Turner Pavillion



*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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