

**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 20, 2022 ~ Christ the King/Reign as Christ

## GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

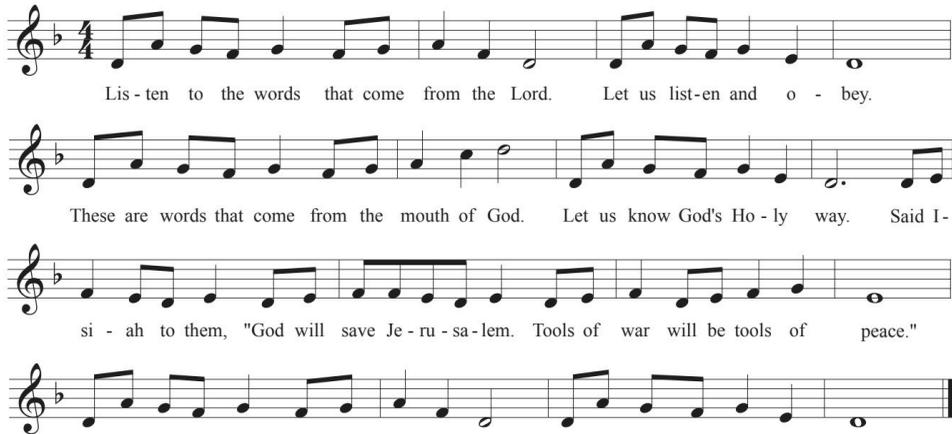
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: "Listen to the Words"

**Listen To the Words** J. L. Salt(er)  
The words of the Prophets

*mysteriously*



Lis - ten to the words that come from the Lord. Let us list-en and o - bey.

These are words that come from the mouth of God. Let us know God's Ho - ly way. Said I -

si - ah to them, "God will save Je - ru - sa - lem. Tools of war will be tools of peace."

Lis - ten to the words that come from the Lord. Let us know God's Ho - ly way.

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Because the world is filled with fear,

***We come seeking courage.***

Because the world is in despair,

***We come seeking hope.***

Because the world is living lies,

***We come seeking truth.***

Because the world is sick with sorrow,

***We come seeking joy.***

Because the world is under judgment,

***We come seeking mercy.***

Because the world is seldom fair,

***We come seeking justice.***

Because the world is weary of wars,

***We come seeking peace.***

Because the world will die without it,

***We come seeking love.***

\*OPENING HYMN: NO. 149 "All Hail to God's Anointed"

## ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: based on Martin Luther King's "Letter from the Birmingham City Jail"

**God of all creation, forgive us for the times we sit idly by, unconcerned by what happens elsewhere in your creation. Help us to understand fully that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Help us to live boldly into the truth that we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Forgive us. Open us to**

**your spirit again, and fill us with your vision for a commonwealth of love and justice. Amen.**

*TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION*

**Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news of great joy:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

Glory to God in the Highest,  
**and peace to God's people on earth.**

SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 468 "In My Life"

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-4; Luke 1:68-79

SERMON: The Way of Peace

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 37 "Let All Things Now Living"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Peacemakers Creed

**We follow Jesus of Nazareth, the Prince of Peace.**

We are a people of peace, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

We say "no" to war, for war has no power to save us.

We strive to embody the command to love God and neighbor.

**We will not be enemies with anyone**

not those who believe they are our enemies

not those whom we have been taught to hate

not even those whose actions make us afraid.

**We confess our complicity in a world of violence**

by believing the lie that violence can restore balance, offer security or establish peace

by accepting the propaganda that nonviolent approaches are ineffective

by squandering vast resources to uphold military might.

**We stand with those who have no power**

with those displaced or devastated by war and conflict

with those marginalized by systems that oppress them

with those excluded just because of who they are.

**We confront injustice**

seeking to understand how our own actions provoke conflict

examining circumstances through the lens of scripture using nonviolent strategies of direct action.

**We embrace a life of peacemaking, even knowing that**

peacemaking requires humility of spirit

peacemaking requires sacrifice of privilege and power

peacemaking requires acts of great courage, risking suffering and even death.

**We commit to bold witness to our church and to the world**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS, NOTES, & HOLY DOODLES**

reflecting, praying and acting for peace  
honoring those who have devoted their lives to the cause of  
peace and justice  
proclaiming that we are - all of us - God's beloved children.

### **For we belong to God**

and give our lives to the hope and possibilities of a world  
transformed.

*Developed by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship's National  
Committee - Holy Week 2015*

### RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\*DOXOLOGY: NO. 709 "God, We Honor You"

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN: NO. 756 "O God of Every Nation"

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 598 - "Amen, We Praise Your Name, O  
God!"

## PRAYER CONCERNS, NOTES, & HOLY DOODLES

### Worship Leadership

David Ensign, Guest Preacher

Mary Lou McMillin, Liturgist

Eric Ruple, Pianist

Amy Lemmons, Vocalist

Patti Warner, House Steward

*We welcome all who are visiting with us today  
and encourage you to sign the guest book in the hallway.*



## Trinity Announcements

**Advent Devotionals:** You may pick up your ordered devotionals today in the cubby outside the sanctuary and check your name off the order sheet, or pick it up any time during office hours.



**Advent Fair:** We will begin the ACE season with an Advent Fair next Sunday, November 27, from 4-6pm. We will start with a brief meditation around Advent, and then have a variety of stations for all ages, including decorating the church, making an Advent wreath, and other hands-on activities. We'll share a simple supper, with a baked potato bar and fixings, and welcome any Thanksgiving leftovers to be added to the table. We still need greenery for wreaths and several people to help with crafts and decorating. If willing to help, contact Kandy Grant at kandygrant24@gmail.com



**Gift Exchange Table:** This year we will again set up gift exchange tables, which will remain up through Advent. Bring items that you no longer want, need, or have room to keep, that you think others might appreciate! Items can be new or used. This is a way for us to practice environmental and financial stewardship while still enjoying the seasonal tradition of gift giving.



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



## This Week at Trinity

**NOVEMBER 20 - NOVEMBER 26**

### **Sunday, Nov. 20**

7:45am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:00-11:30 am - Coffee Fellowship	Commons
11:30-12:15pm - Hybrid Nurture	Sanctuary & Zoom
- David Ensign - Gun Violence	

### **Monday, Nov. 21**

7:00pm - Hearts & Hands	Zoom
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### **Wednesday, Nov. 23**

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9-11:00 am - Clothes Closet Set-up	Commons
10:00 - Reaching Out	
12-1:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting	Yoke Room
6:30-7:30pm - Church Closet Open	Commons
7:30-9pm - UKirk	Yoke Room

### **Friday, Nov. 26**

5:45am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
6-7:30pm - Virginia Organizing	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*  
Carolyn Hinshaw, *Youth Representative*

### CLASS OF 2022

Ellie Cale  
Yogi Gillette  
Mary Knapp  
Judy LePera

### CLASS OF 2023

Mark Facknitz  
Nancy Hopkins-Garriss  
Rick Orem  
Patti Warner

### CLASS OF 2024

Jason Brown  
Rick Comstock  
Kandy Grant  
Virginia Healy



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

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