

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 15, 2023 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: "Blessings Abound"

Blessings abound. They can be found if only our eyes are open wide.
God's all around. Without a sound,
God's blessings will flow through out our lives.
Said Naomi, "I must leave you!"
Ruth said, "Where you go, I'll go, too!"
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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the exiled, the alien, the stranger:
you are our God and we are your people.
God of the hungry, the poor, the widowed:
you are our God and we are your people.
God of the vulnerable, the powerless, the side-lined:
you are our God and we are your people.

God of mercy, justice, faithfulness:
you are our God and we are your people.
Where you stay, we will stay;
where you go, we will go, for
you are our God and we are your people.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" v.1-2

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God,
as we cross borders,
as we move from one place to another,
We confess the ways we hold onto anxiety and sorrow.
You create us for relationship, but we hold onto pain.
As we cross borders,
may we know love's companionship,
the love that travels with us.
And as we let go of past places
and head for new ones,
O Loving God,
may we discover you
stepping alongside us,
lifting the burdens with us,
letting go of the past with us,
reorientating our journey with us.**
Time for Silent Confession
Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 110 "Love Has Come" v. 3

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mark 3:33-35 & Ruth excerpts
SERMON

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 324 "For All the Faithful Women" v.1-2

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from A Declaration of Faith

God made us for life in community.

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness.

We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people.

Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to

respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 643 "Now Thank We All Our God" v. 1

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*FINAL HYMN: NO. 542 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 733 "We All Are One in Mission" v. 2

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor

Virginia Healy, Liturgist

Eric Ruple, Pianist

Nancy Hopkins-Garriss, House Steward

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

Trinity Announcements

Sunnyside Ice Cream Social: We will have an Ice Cream Social **TODAY** at Sunnyside from 2-4pm. Bring your sweet tooth and get ready for a fun time of fellowship!

"Artists for Ukraine" Fundraiser: Trinity will host a second "Artists for Ukraine" fundraiser this Saturday October 21st from 2:00 to 5:00pm in the church building. Attendees may purchase various artworks of local creators. Funds raised will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which has an active International Disaster Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Disaster Relief program for Ukraine.

Guns to Gardens Event: A Guns to Gardens event will take place next Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 2:00 pm here at Trinity. Worship will begin in the sanctuary, and then those in attendance will proceed to the north end of the parking lot where they can see the dismantling of the guns. At the event firearms that have been already voluntarily surrendered will begin the process of transformation into garden tools and works of art. Questions: please contact Roxana Atwood, Susie Phend, or Mary Lou McMillin.

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



This Week at Trinity - October 15 - October 21

Sunday, October 15

7:45 am - Book Study

Zoom

10:00 am - Hybrid Worship

Church House & Online

11:00 am - Coffee Fellowship

Commons

2:00 pm - Ice Cream Social

Sunnyside

Monday, October 16

7:00 pm - Hearts & Hands

Zoom

Tuesday, October 17

4:00 pm - Centering Space Meeting

CS Room/Zoom

Wednesday, October 18

5:45 am - Lectio Divina

Zoom

9:00-11:00 am - Clothes Closet Set-up

Commons

12:00-1:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Sanctuary

6:30-7:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open

Commons

Thursday, October 19

9:00 am - Lectio Divina

Yoke Room

9:00 am - Backpack Program Packing

Keister Elementary

7:00 pm - Chess Club

Commons

Friday, October 20

5:45 am - Lectio Divina

Zoom

8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness

Commons

Saturday, October 21

2:00 - 5:00 pm - Artists for Ukraine

Church House



**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 2023

Mark Facknitz
Nancy Hopkins-Garriss
Rick Orem
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Jason Brown
Rick Comstock
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(Temporary) Church Office Hours:
Tue-Fri 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday
Kim's Sabbath: Tuesday

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