

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 ~ Second Sunday after Christmas**

**"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

Catherine Barber-Wells - January 6  
Ramona Sanders - January 6

GATHERING SONG: "Come, and See"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the dark of morning,  
**the stars still shine.**

In the depth of winter,  
**the birds still climb.**

At the start of the year,  
tender and new,

**God is here.**

**God is near.**

Do not rest in your fear.

**God is here.**

So like the stars and the birds,

**Let us worship holy God.**

\*OPENING HYMN: NO. 134 "Joy to the World"

\*Invitation to stand

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ever-loving God,**  
**we yearn for Christmas to usher in a season of peace and joy,**  
**but dangers and struggles persist.**  
**Just ten days after celebrating the birth of Christ, we face**  
**fear again, and so we turn to you.**  
**Forgive us for capitulating to our fear.**  
**Forgive us for allowing fear to turn us from your call.**  
**Show us how to turn our fear into action.**  
**Show us how to live like the magi who searched for you in a**  
**fearful world.**  
**With hope we pray, amen.**

*Time for a silent confession*

**Amen**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Family of Faith,  
whether you are brave and courageous or fearful and timid,  
God's love for you knows no end. So join me in these words of  
forgiveness:

Whether fear inspires us to action,  
or stops us dead in our tracks,  
**God's love for us is boundless.**

**We are seen.**

**We are surrounded with grace.**

**We are sent to serve.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 125 "Before the Marvel of This Night" v.3

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18

### SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO.145 "What Child is This?"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Sanctified Art*

**We have seen the valley.  
We have seen a sky without stars.  
We have seen the longest night,  
and still we believe in God with-us.  
We believe in the hope of tomorrow.  
We believe that grace is stronger than fear.  
We believe that grace is for all people.  
So even when our knees shake,  
even when our voices tremble,  
we will reach for each other.  
We will look for God in our midst.  
We will sing songs of joy.  
We will proclaim:  
Unto us, love is born.  
We have seen the longest night,  
and we have seen unimaginable love.  
So still, we believe.  
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

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL HYMN: NO. 152 "What Star is This with Beams so Bright?"

### \*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 295 "Go to the World!" v.2

## Worship Leadership

Mark Dewey, Preacher  
Nancy Hopkins-Garris, Liturgist  
Bryce Hayes, Pianist  
Bob Schminkey, 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

**Nurture:** Mark Dewey will lead a book study this season. The book will be announced soon. Centering Space will lead a Nurture series on neurodiversity in the church. That study will begin on Sunday, January 18, and will take place after worship in the sanctuary.

**Clothes Closet:** The Clothes Closet is in need of winter men's and children's clothes, warm gloves and scarves, and men's jeans. Donations can be brought in anytime during office hours. Thank you!

**Office Hours:** Beginning this week, the office will observe new hours: 9am-3pm, Monday - Friday.

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



## This Week at Trinity

### **January 4 - January 9**

#### **Sunday, January 4**

7:30 am - Book Study  
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship

Zoom  
Church House & Online

#### **Monday, January 5**

1:00 pm - Pastoral Care Meeting

Yoke Room

#### **Tuesday, January 6**

5:00 pm - Yoga

Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday, January 7**

5:45 am - Lectio Divina  
9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set Up  
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting  
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open

Zoom  
Commons  
Yoke Room  
Commons

#### **Thursday, January 8**

7:00 pm - Chess Club

Commons

#### **Friday, January 9**

5:45 am - Lectio Divina  
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness

Zoom  
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*

### **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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