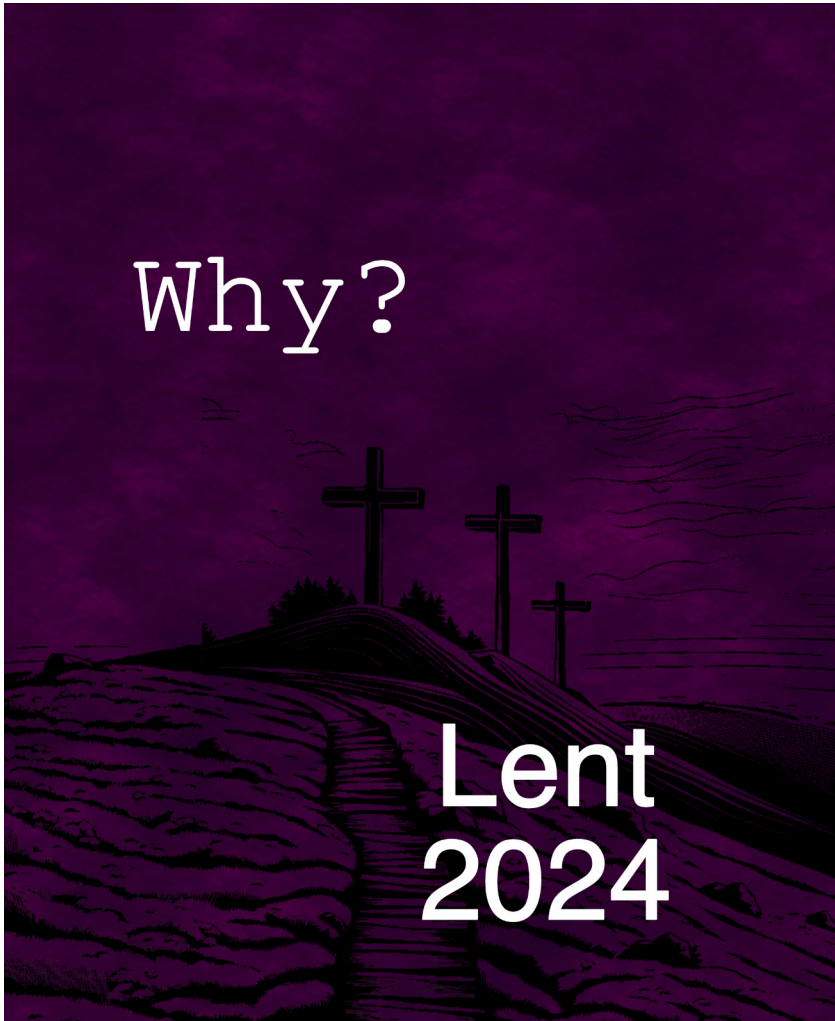


**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA**



**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.*

# March, 31 2024 ~ Easter Sunday

## GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Ben Harris 04/01

Teresa Harris 04/03

GATHERING SONG: "Christ Over Death Has Won"

When the wom - en went to the tomb the stone was rolled a - way! Sing,  
A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia! Christ the ris - en one!  
Said a young man, "Be not a - fraid for Je - sus is not here!" Sing,  
A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia! Christ o - ver death has won!

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the good news: the grave is empty, Christ is risen!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

This is the good news: the light shines in the night, and the night can never put it out.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

This is the good news: once we were no people, now we are God's people!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*OPENING HYMN: NO. 232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One,**  
**in this world that feels like it is coming apart at the seams,**  
**we so often ask the wrong questions:**  
**wanting to know how we can control situations for our own benefit,**  
**how to hold on to our image, our history, our power,**  
**when you're going to fix everything back to the way we imagine it should be.**  
**Instead you remind us how to live:**  
**to put your word into action in all we say and do,**  
**to follow you faithfully and trust your kingdom is coming.**  
**Forgive us when we give up on your way and choose to invest in the way things are instead.**  
**Forgive us when we are tempted to withdraw from the world and leave it to self-destruct.**  
**Forgive us when we think there's nothing we can do to make**  
*Time for Silent Confession*

**Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 251 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" v.5

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 118:21-27 and Mark 16:1-8

SERMON: "Why?"

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 249 "Because You Live, O Christ"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From: "A New Creed" (United Church of Canada)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In deep gratitude for all that You have done for us, we offer ourselves and our gifts to You— living sacrifices of worship and praise.

**Transform our hearts and minds from the inside out; show us what is good and pleasing in Your sight, so that we may be quick to recognize Your call, and quick to respond.**

**AMEN**

COMMISSIONING FOR PILGRIMAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Every Morning is Easter Morning"

\*CHARGE

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO: 238 "Thine Is the Glory" v.3

## Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor  
Larry Barber, Liturgist  
Eric Ruple, 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

**Easter Day Events:** Join us **today** after worship for our Easter Egg hunt on the lawn here at Trinity & Easter Brunch! Children will be able to receive candy & small favors in exchange for their eggs they find. Then following the Easter Egg Hunt, we will enjoy our Easter Brunch in the Commons area.

**Clothes Closet Switchover Day:** It's that time of year! Spring has sprung, which means it's time to switch out the Clothes Closet from winter to summer clothes. Five more volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 6, from 9am to noon. Pizza will be provided! If you would like to signup to volunteer please use the signup link in our emails/website or call the church office.

**Upcoming Second Saturday Expression:** Centering Space will offer a Watercolor workshop with Judi Coleman on **April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12:30pm**. For more information please visit the centering space site.

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



## This Week at Trinity - March 31 - April 6

### **Sunday, March 31**

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 7:45 am - Book Study       | Zoom                  |
| 10:00 am - Hybrid Worship  | Church House & Online |
| 11:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt | Church Grounds        |
| 11:30 am - Easter Brunch   | Commons               |

### **Monday, April 1**

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 3:00 pm - Pastoral Care Meeting | Yoke Room |
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### **Tuesday, April 2**

|                                |           |
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| 5:00 pm - Yoga Class           | Sanctuary |
| <b>(Registration Required)</b> |           |
| 7:00 pm - Nurture Book Study   | Zoom      |

### **Wednesday, April 3**

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 5:45 am - Lectio Divina         | Zoom      |
| 9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set-up | Commons   |
| 12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting      | Sanctuary |
| 6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open   | Commons   |

### **Thursday, April 4**

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 9:00 am - Backpack Program Packing | Keister Elementary |
| 6:30 pm - Enneagram Class          | CS rooms           |
| 6:30 pm - Faith & Light            | Sanctuary          |
| 7:00 pm - Chess Club               | Commons            |

### **Friday, April 5**

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 5:45 am - Lectio Divina     | Zoom    |
| 8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness | Commons |

### **Saturday, April 6**

|                             |         |
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| 8:30 am - CC Switchover Day | Commons |
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**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 2024

Jason Brown  
Rick Comstock  
Kandy Grant  
Virginia Healy

### CLASS OF 2025

Dane Byers  
Mark Dewey  
Mary Lou McMillin  
Susie Phend

### CLASS OF 2026

David Carothers  
Amy Lemmons  
Ginnie Reinhold  
Bob Schminkey



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

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