

**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.*

**September 24, 2023 ~ 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Alex Sonifrank, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

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 throughout our lives.  
Jacob wrestled and fought so well,  
He would now be called Israel.  
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 throughout our lives.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN: NO. 404 "What is this Place?" v. 1-2

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**May we have strength  
for the struggle  
to reshape the faith  
that makes hope for the future possible:  
in our faith communities,  
in our personal lives,  
in the neighborhood we live,  
places where struggle  
is the faithful life,  
never accepting what is given  
but reshaped in the doubting  
and questioning and creativity.  
May we never keep silent  
when heaven needs to argue.  
May we never sit still  
when the kingdom needs to move.  
May we never hurry by  
when the body of Christ needs patience.  
May we never speak  
over the cries of others.  
In the struggle that is faith  
may you find us,  
invite us  
and struggle with us.  
In the tension  
and the love  
may we be the church.  
So be it.**

*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 READING: Mark 14:32-36 & Genesis 32:[9-13] 22-30

REFLECTION

HOUSE CHURCH & MARKS GROUPS CALLS

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: "I am the Church" (chorus x2)

I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together.

All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes we're the church together.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: based on "What is God saying to Trinity?"

**In a disenchanted and disinterested world, we believe that God is alive and at work in the world today. Therefore, we seek to listen to God's voice that can lead us in new pathways following the living Christ.**

**We believe that the church is not called to "business as usual." "Success" for God's church is not measured in statistics or budgets, but by losing itself in concern for God's world. We believe that the church exists for the world, and**

**not for itself, an organism reaching out rather than pulling in, using its own building and programs in service and witness to the world of God's grace and love.**

**We believe that the church is more than an institution; it is the household of God. As members of this household, we are a priesthood of believers - called, gifted, and enabled by the Holy Spirit to make Christ's presence known, breaking down human barriers and working, through servant ministry, for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment. As disciples of Christ Jesus, we respond to this call with total commitment.**

**We believe that God is still speaking to us today, inviting us into freedom from the molds of our own making so that we may eagerly listen for what God will say to our church tomorrow.**

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. 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

\*CHARGE

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

## Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor  
Virginia Healy, Liturgist  
Eric Ruple, Pianist  
Mary Lou McMillin, House Steward

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

## Trinity Announcements

**Potluck:** Come enjoy a meal together after House Church & Marks Groups' calls today! Roast chicken and drinks will be provided. All are welcome to join as we share in fellowship and get to know our new Pastoral Care Associate, Kim!

**Peace and Global Witness Offering:** We will be taking our Peace and Global Witness Offering next Sunday, October 1. This offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. We will be sending 25% of the collected offering to the Friendly City Safe Space, a community for LGBTQ+ people and aspiring allies of all ages, racial and ethnic identities in Harrisonburg and surrounding counties that will empower them with the resources, education, and community necessary to thrive as equal, healthy, supported, essential members of our society.

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



## This Week at Trinity

**September 24 - September 30**

### **Sunday, September 24**

7:45 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:15 am - Potluck	Commons

### **Wednesday, September 27**

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, September 28**

7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons
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### **Friday, September 29**

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	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 2023

Mark Facknitz  
Nancy Hopkins-Garriss  
Rick Orem  
Patti Warner

### CLASS OF 2024

Jason Brown  
Rick Comstock  
Kandy Grant  
Virginia Healy

### CLASS OF 2025

Dane Byers  
Mark Dewey  
Mary Lou McMillin  
Susie Phend



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

### Trinity Presbyterian Staff

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