

# 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.*

## August 16<sup>th</sup> 2026 ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**"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

Michelle Davis Sinclair - August 16

Leslie Tucker - August 19

Judy LePera - August 20

GATHERING SONG: no. 406 "We are Standing on Holy Ground"

BACKPACK BLESSING

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN: no. 404 "What is this Place?"

### ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

As people called to be your presence in the world,

We search our hearts, and ask your forgiveness:

For opportunities not taken, for care not given,

**Forgive us, we pray.**

For sorrow not shared, for joy not celebrated,

\*Invitation to stand

**Forgive us, we pray.**

For love not offered, forgiveness not extended,

**Forgive us, we pray.**

For those failings we cannot speak aloud, which we offer in  
silence...

**Forgive us, we pray.**

Gracious God, we seek your healing grace, and ask  
forgiveness in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**Amen**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SONG OF RESPONSE: no. 286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"  
v.1

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 4:8-10 & Acts 16:11-15, 40

SERMON: "Making Space"

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: no. 753 "Make Me a Channel of Your  
Peace"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The Spirit enabled people of all races, classes,  
and nations to accept the good news of what  
God had done in Christ.**

**We testify that today this same Holy Spirit  
makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel  
and leads us into the Christian community.  
The Spirit brings us out of death into life,  
out of separation into fellowship.**

**It is not our faith but God's grace in Jesus Christ  
that justifies us and reconciles us to God.  
Yet it is only by faith that we accept God's grace  
and live by it.**

## **PRAYERS, NOTES, & HOLY DOODLES**

### RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\*DOXOLOGY: no. 694 "Great God of Every Blessing" v.3

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in  
Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive  
us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen**

\*FINAL HYMN: no. 853 "We are Marching in the Light of God"

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: no. 80 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

### Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Preacher

Hedy Reese, Liturgist

Shkurte Gashi, Pianist

Mary Colleen Knapp, 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

**Clothes Closet Volunteers:** The Clothes Closet has an urgent need for 1 more 1st Wednesday volunteer from 6:15-7:45pm. If you are able to help on the 1st Wednesday of every month starting now and into the future, please contact Kathy Gillette by phone, text, or email.

**Finance Team Help:** The Finance Team is looking for a couple of persons to help write occasional thank you notes to donors who have made special gifts to Trinity in memory of loved ones. We'll supply beautiful note cards featuring a charming image of Trinity painted by our beloved Derek Brownsword, plus some helpful suggestions for writing those notes. If this opportunity appeals to you, please talk with Linda Bradley or Amy Lemmons. Thank you!

**Backpack Program:** Keister would appreciate donations of backpacks, black & white composition books ( no designs please) & pre sharpened pencils.

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



### This Week at Trinity

**August 16 - August 21**

#### **Sunday, August 16**

7:30 am - Book Study

Zoom

10:00 am - Hybrid Worship

Church House & Online

4:00 pm - Session Meeting

Commons

#### **Monday, August 17**

1:00 pm Pastoral care Meeting

Yoke Room

#### **Tuesday, August 18**

5:00 pm - Yoga

Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday, August 19**

5:45 am - Lectio Divina

Zoom

9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set Up

Commons

12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Yoke Room

6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open

Commons

#### **Thursday, August 20**

7:00 pm - Chess Club

Sanctuary

#### **Friday, August 21**

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*  
Stephanie Gardner, *Clerk of Session*

### CLASS OF 2026

David Carothers  
Amy Lemmons  
Ginnie Reinhold  
Bob Schminkey

### CLASS OF 2027

Karla Irving  
Stephanie Gardner  
Lauren Strawderman  
Mary Colleen Knapp

### CLASS OF 2028

Donna Barber  
Mark Facknitz  
Lizzy Healy  
Rollin Johnson

## Contact Us!



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

## Trinity Presbyterian Staff

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