

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.

April 7th 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Sherry Satin 04/10

Malcolm Cameron 04/12

GATHERING SONG: "Christ Over Death Has Won"

Je - sus was a - live once a - gain! His peo - ple saw him clear! Sing,
A - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia! Christ the ris en one!
Then went Je - sus up in the clouds but he will come a - gain! 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

Christ is risen –

He is risen indeed!

Now what? Remember what he told us. Remember what he did. Remember that he died...

And remember that wasn't the end of the story!

He has appeared to Simon! He has appeared at the table! He has appeared alongside us!

And he has both gifts and work still to give.

Christ is risen –

He is risen indeed!

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 239 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" v.1,3-4

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God,

you are always at work, even when it seems to us that nothing is happening.

We confess that we would like you to hurry up.

We keep waiting for you to do something, wondering why there's so much suffering and so little help.

We confess that we have not listened for your answer, we have not prepared ourselves in community or in prayer, because we do not want to hear you ask us the same question.

Forgive us for looking up at the sky awaiting your return.

Forgive us, too, when we think we have all we need under our own power.

Make us ready to follow your Spirit's lead.

Give us the patience to listen, the power to put prayer into action,

and the courage to do the work you have given us to do, that your kingdom may indeed become visible, even in our days.

We ask in the name of the Risen Christ, amen.

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: Mark 6:7-13 and Acts 1:1-14

SERMON: "How do we start?"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 231 "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From: *"The Brief Statement of Faith"*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the

waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls us to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*FINAL HYMN: NO. 248 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

*CHARGE

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

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Rick Comstock, Liturgist
Bryce Hayes, Pianist
Rick Comstock, 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

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

Galen's Baptism: Jessi & Jason invite everyone to a luncheon in the commons to celebrate Galen's baptism **next Sunday, April 14** following worship! If you would like to help set up or clean up, you can sign up through the signup link in the emails, or let the office know.

Upcoming 2nd Annual Earth Day Ecumenical Worship: Sunday, **April 21st**, we will NOT have worship at the church house. Instead, we will be participating in the 2nd Annual Earth Day Ecumenical Worship at Turner Pavilion. Worship will begin at **9:45 am**, and you are encouraged to bring camp chairs or other seating options for the outdoor service.

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



**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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