

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 17th 2025 ~ Tenth 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

Judy LePera - August 20

Adrienne Pannell August 25

GATHERING SONG: NO. 283 "Come, O Holy Spirit, Come"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Through the chaos and tumult of the world as it is,

let anyone with ears to hear listen!

Who is like our God, the Holy One who brings life out of death?

In Christ we see the truth,

In faith, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Truth and Life,

Giver of vision and insight,

we pray you would pull back the veil and let us see what's

*Invitation to stand

real...

Forgive us when we have given up hope of your kingdom.

Forgive us when we have bought the lie that this is the best we can do.

Forgive us when we have been seduced by the easy and expedient,

thinking we can dabble in empire without getting sucked in.

Open our eyes to look past the shiny façade,

And unmask the idols of empire that are so easy to worship.

Free us from the fears of resistance,

And give us the strength and courage to work together for your promised new creation...

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 288 "Spirit of the Living God"

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 12:30-32 and Revelation 13:1-18

SERMON: "Empire and Resistance"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith, What is God Saying to Trinity*, and *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold

ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.

We believe that the Holy Spirit offers us freedom from new molds of our own making. Therefore, we rejoice in the “worldly insecurity” that will enable us to continue in an open-ended search for the will of God, wondering and eagerly listening for what God will say to our church tomorrow.

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!”

PRAYERS, NOTES, & HOLY DOODLES

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 709 “God, We Honor You”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.771 “What is the World Like”

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 744 “Arise, Your Light is Come” v.1

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Sara Holben, Liturgist
Paulo Steinberg, Pianist
Karla Irving, 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

Back-to-School Celebration: Join us this Wednesday, August 20 as we welcome our Keister children and their families following the first day of school. We will gather at 2:30 to set up a tent with snacks and treat and offer some outdoor activities on the grounds. If you would like to help out with this event, visit the sign-up genius online. For more information, contact the church office.

Smiley’s Ice Cream Gathering: Join us at Smiley’s Ice Cream to say goodbye to the school year! Grab your cone or favorite treat, and look for the Trinity group next Sunday, August 24, at 4pm. All are welcome to join us!

Harvest Nurture: This fall’s Nurture theme is inspired by How We Learn to Be Brave by Bishop Mariann Budde. We’ll explore stories of courage—both from the book and from neighbors in our own community. Book discussions will be held on Sept. 14, Oct. 5 & 19, and Nov. 9. To reserve a copy through Parentheses bookstore, contact the church office by **Aug. 25**.

For more details and announcements: Visit the “What’s Happening Now” page on our website.



This Week at Trinity

August 17 - August 23

Sunday, August 17		
7:45 am - Book Study		Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship		Church House & Online
4:00 pm - Session Meeting		Commons
Monday, August 18		
7:00pm - Hearts and Hands		Commons
Tuesday, August 19		
4:00pm Centering Space Meeting		Centering Space
Wednesday, August 20		
5:45 am - Lectio Divina		Zoom
9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set Up		Commons
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting		Yoke Room
2:30 pm - School Celebration Set-Up		Church Yard
3:30 pm - Back-to-School Celebration		Church Yard
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open		Commons
Thursday, August 21		
9:00 am - Lectio Divina		Zoom
2:00 pm - Open Doors Meal Prep		Kitchen
7:00 pm - Chess Club		Commons
Friday, August 22		
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 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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