

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 24th 2025 ~ Eleventh 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Adrienne Pannell - August 25

Stephanie Gardner - August 27

Sid McMillin - August 30

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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**For the weaving of our lives on the loom of joy and grace,
Warp of love that holds our hearts, weft of faith we add each day.
All creation hears our song. We are woven kind and strong.**

**For the thread that each of us offers to the world's design,
Fabric of a thousand hues, heart and hands and soul and mind;
All creation hears our prayer as we weave a world of care.**

**For the web that binds us all gently in its tangled skein,
Baby's cry and prophet's call, strands of peace and strands of pain:
Dear creation, may that we yet repair your tapestry.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, and sing your praise!

Blessing and glory and wisdom be to our God forever!

*Invitation to stand

Give all your worship to the One who is, who was, and who is to come.

Thanksgiving and honor and power and might – only to the three in one!

Every word, every thought, every praise you have, offer to God alone.

Even when we come to the end of human language, still we sing to the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 369 "Blessing and Honor"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Source, Light, and Salvation,

We confess that our imaginations are so constrained by the systems of this world.

**We have thought we were alone and powerless to resist,
and so we tried to find ways to use the system for good,
believing it wouldn't corrupt us too.**

Forgive us, God, for accepting the lie that there are no other options,

and lift our eyes to your infinite grace,

where multitudes upon multitudes gather

and celebrate true power that comes only from your love and goodness.

We ask in the name of Jesus Christ,

Amen.

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 14:1-4 and Revelation 7:9-17

SERMON: "Gracious Interludes"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 74 "When God Restored Our Common Life"

*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!"

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PC (USA) WORLD MISSION UPDATE

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.384 "Soon and Very Soon"

*CHARGE

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

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Rick Orem, Liturgist
Bryce Hayes, 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

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 **today at 4pm**. All are welcome to join us!

Nursery/Young Disciples: If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery or with young disciples in the commons, we will have a brief meeting after worship next Sunday, August 31st. Grab some coffee and join us in the Yoke Room.

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 **tomorrow, Aug. 25**.

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



This Week at Trinity

August 24 - August 30

Sunday, August 24	
7:45 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
Monday, August 25	
7:00pm - Rocktown Camera	Commons
Tuesday, August 26	
5:00pm - Clothes Closet Meeting	Commons
Wednesday, August 27	
5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set Up	Commons
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting	Yoke Room
10:00 am - Reaching Out Book Study	Zoom
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open	Commons
Thursday, August 28	
2:00 pm - Open Doors Meal Prep	Kitchen
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons
Friday, August 29	
5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons



*More
Announcements*



*Online
Calendar*

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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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