

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA**



called & named

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.

May 3rd 2026 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

**"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

Ginny Newman - May 5

Brent Arbogast - May 8

Charlotte Arbogast - May 8

GATHERING SONG: no. 232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" v. 4

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here to worship
the Lord of heaven and earth,
the Maker of the world
and everything in it,
the One who gives life
and breath to all things.

**For in God we live and move
and have our being.**

Let us praise God together.

*OPENING HYMN: no. 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Invitation to stand

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all believing, We believe in love:
a love that embodies God;**

**a love yet unknown in its power to transform
yet to be trusted into that unknown.**

**We believe in grace: a grace that celebrates God;
a grace yet unknown in its power to hang on,
to embrace that which needs to be redeemed.**

**We believe in life: a life that glorifies God;
a life yet unknown in its fullness,**

a fullness of life that shapes our humanity

**beyond our prejudices today, that brings us nearer
to being the community God calls us to be.**

We believe in God: a god as yet unknown

**who has been calling us from the ancient time of creation
into relationship with each other and with God.**

We believe in God: who is yet not fully known.

**We confess our discomfort with what we do not know,
and our attempts to proclaim more than we do. Give us
humility in our own knowledge, and confidence in the
hope we have through Jesus Christ...**

Time for a silent confession

Amen

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: no. 243 "Be Not Afraid"

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 1:16-18 & Acts 17:16-34

SERMON: "When in Athens"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
God kept God's promises.
All that we can ever hope for
was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: no. 717 "For the Life that You Have Given"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: no. 537 "When at This Table"

COMMUNION

Minister/Leader People 53
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Minister/Leader People
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Minister/Leader
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

54
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

55
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. 516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: no. 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me?" v.5

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Chris Carlberg, Liturgist
Eric Ruple, Pianist
Bob Schminkey, 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

Mother's Day Offering: On May 10th, we will participate in Sunnyside Community's annual Mother's Day Father's Day Offering. This annual offering supports Sunnyside's Fellowship Fund and provides charitable aid to residents that have outlived their resources.

Stroll for Your Soul: Join Centering Space in Stroll for your Soul. "Stroll for Your Soul" offers 23 daily Emails inviting gratitude, mindful attention, and inspiration as you walk, jog, run, bike, or "stroll" in place. Contact Sara Holben for more information.

Pollinator Party: On June 6, Trinity will host a pollinator party in the backyard. We will invite members of our community to learn more about pollinators and their habitats, and have fun and informative activities for children. If you would like to volunteer to help facilitate this event, there is a sign-up sheet in the commons. See Donna Barber for more information.

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

This Week at Trinity

May 3 - May 9

Sunday, May 3

7:30 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
4:30 pm - Singing Resistance	Commons

Monday, May 4

1:00 pm - Pastoral Care Meeting	Yoke Room
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Tuesday, May 5

5:00 pm - Yoga	Sanctuary
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Wednesday, May 6

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, May 7

6:30 pm Faith & Light	Sanctuary
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

Friday, May 8

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

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