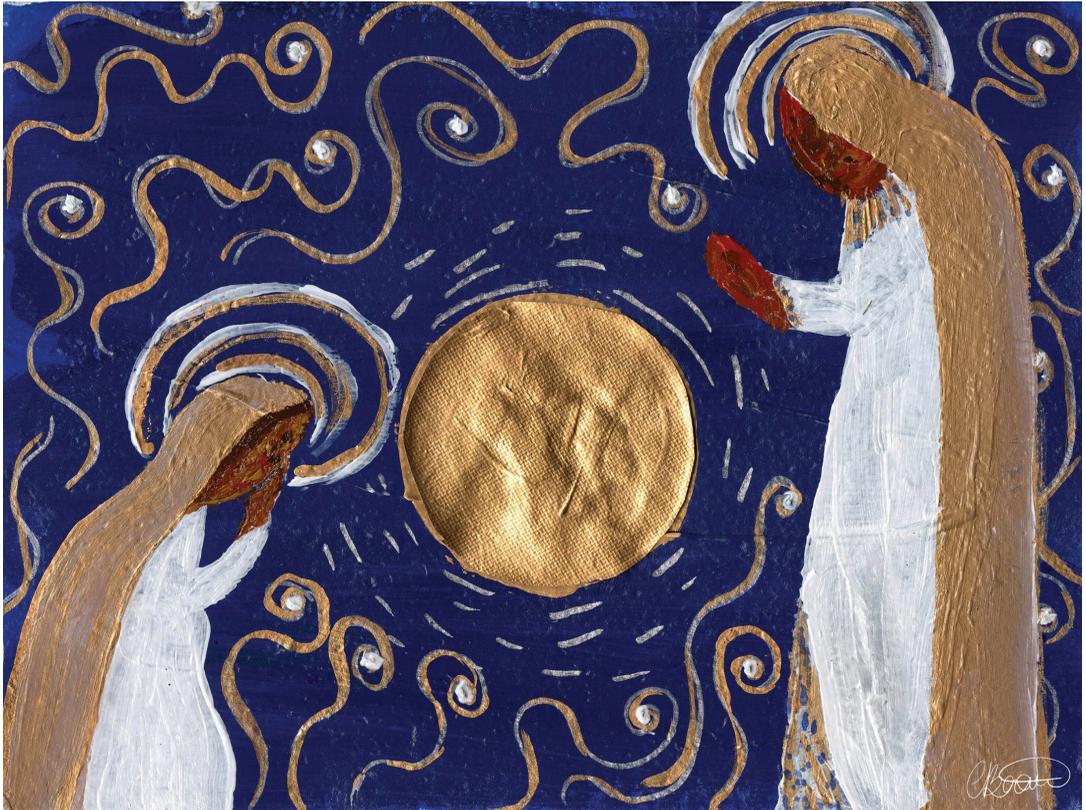


**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA**



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**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.*

GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE: Allegro from Sonata in C minor by Telemann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: NO. 106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion" v.1

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

**A voice cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"**

The earth will be transformed, God's glory will be revealed.

**We expect your arrival in fire and flame. Instead, we follow a star on a cold night.**

You meet us in this place, as we remember your curious way.

**As we wait, cleanse us. As we wait, mold us.**

Our ears and eyes perceive no other god besides You, and so we worship this day.

**We are your people and we wait for You.**

\*OPENING HYMN: NO. 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient God,**

**you know just how often**

**we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.**

**You know just how often**

**we allow fear to take the place of logic,**

**fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.**

**You know just how often**

**we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid"**

**on dusty shelves and in the back of closets,**

**stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.**

**Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.**

**Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection,**

**which spark and feed so much of our fear,**

**to recenter us in love.**

**With hope we pray, amen.**

*TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION*

**Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 686 "God of our Life" v.1

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Rejoice (O Come, O Come Emmanuel)" - written and arranged by David Grow and Tracy Silverman

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:26-38

SERMON: "Yes, And..."

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 101 "No Wind at the Window"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Peacemakers Creed

**We believe in a God who knows our fears.  
We believe in a God who says, "Be not afraid."  
We believe in a God who kicks off her shoes  
and wades into the muck of our lives with us.  
We believe in a God who stitches herself to our heels,  
and invites us to dance.  
We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky  
so that we can find our way home,  
and who sends us friends with open doors,  
so we can find our way to love.  
We believe in a God who finds us in our fear  
and does not leave us alone.**

**Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

**Amen.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY: Introduction to Celtic Partita by Cameron Wilson

\*DOXOLOGY: NO. 612 "We Praise You, O God" v.1

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Text: Traditional Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly\_\_ Lord, God of pow - er, God\_\_ of\_\_ might,  
2. Praise to you, Lord Je - sus\_\_ Christ: dy - ing, you de - stroyed our\_\_ death;

hea - ven and the earth are\_\_ full, are full\_\_ of your glo - ry, O Lord. Ho - san - na,  
ri - sing, you re - stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry to reign. O come,

ho - san - na! How bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
O come,\_\_ Em - man - u - el! Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry to reign.

LORD'S PRAYER AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL HYMN: "Angel Gabriel Came to Mary"



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

God meets us in our fear

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# Here I Am

PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: Traditional French carol (17th cent.)

Unison

An - gel Ga - briel came to Ma - ry In the hills of  
 Though his words were filled with glo - ry Still the mes - sage  
 Week by week in Ma - ry's bel - ly God was grow - ing  
 Whe - ther we may feel we're rea - dy For the task be -

Ga - li - lee Ap - pre - hen - sion and con -  
 brought great fear the "Who am I to bear the  
 flesh and us bone laid As her life and path were  
 - fore us laid God will streng - then and up -

fu - sion Filled her, won - d'ring what's to be  
 sav - ior With the path - way so un - clear?"  
 chang - ing Ne - ver was she left a - lone  
 hold us Ev - en when the fear won't fade

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"Do not be a fraid," the an - gel told the maid  
 "Here I am," she pledged; the an - gel Gab - riel fled  
 With her all the while; was Ma - ry's ho - ly child  
 We say, "Here I am," to God's tran - scen - dent plan

"God has high - ly fa - vored thee"  
 Quick - ly as he had ap - peared  
 Pledge of "Here I am" of God's own  
 Trust - ing God to lend us aid

\*BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: NO.107 "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn" v. 4

## **PRAYER CONCERNS, NOTES, & HOLY DOODLES**

### **Worship Leadership**

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor  
Nancy Hopkins-Garriss, Liturgist  
Paulo Steinberg, Pianist  
Kate Hoffmeyer, Vocalist  
Jason Brown, House Steward

*We would like to welcome Dr. Beth Chandler Cahill. We are thankful for her participation in our worship service this morning.*

### **JMU Faculty Recital**

Beth Chandler Cahill (flute)  
and Paulo Steinberg (piano)  
Dec. 8, 7pm, Forbes Recital Hall.  
Works by Telemann, Uebayashi, Zyman, Wilson, and  
Piazzolla. Tickets available online and at the box office.

*We welcome all who are visiting with us today  
and encourage you to sign the guest book in the hallway.*

**Bulletin Cover Photo: Mary's Golden Annunciation**  
**by Carmelle Beaugelin**  
**Inspired by Luke 1:26-38**  
**Acrylic, gilding paint, canvas collage on**  
**handmade reclaimed paper**

In a time when women had few options other than marriage, Mary's consent to a potentially unwed motherhood is a brave act of subversive agency. In Mary's "yes," uttered in her Magnificat, we see the transformation of a young teenage girl from fearful to determined, from simply accepting to deciding, from passivity to agency, from betrothed to surrogate mother of God—an honor rarer than gold. Perhaps the most remarkable annunciation in this passage is not the messenger's revelation to Mary, but Mary's "yes" to the call.

**Trinity Announcements**

**Virginia Bethune's Memorial Service:** A service of Witness to the Resurrection will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church. If you're unable to travel to Blacksburg for the memorial service, you can join online or join a group of us at the church who will be watching the livestream together.

**Printed NOUS:** Do you know someone who does not have an email or use the computer, but would love to receive our monthly newsletters? If so, let Victoria in the office know who, and she will add them to our monthly mailing list!

**Poinsettias:** It is time to order poinsettias for the sanctuary! If you would like to adopt one in honor or memory of loved ones, \$15 will cover the cost. You can also choose to direct your gift in honor or memory to go to Open Doors, rather than purchasing a poinsettia. Checks or online donations can be designated for either purpose. Please send the information for memorial or honorary gifts to Victoria in the office by **December 20.**

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



**This Week at Trinity**

**DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 10**

**Sunday, December 4**

7:45am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:00-11:30 am - Coffee Fellowship	Commons
2:00pm - Virginia Bethune's Memorial Service	Livestream at Church

**Wednesday, December 7**

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00-11:00 am - Clothes Closet Set-up	Commons
10:00-12:00pm - Reaching Out	
12:00-1:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting	Yoke Room
6:30-7:30pm - Church Closet Open	Commons
7:30-9:00pm - UKirk	Yoke Room

**Thursday, Dec. 8**

7:00 - Chess Club	Commons
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**Friday, December 9**

5:45am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
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**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*  
Carolyn Hinshaw, *Youth Representative*

### CLASS OF 2022

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Judy LePera

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Rick Orem  
Patti Warner

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Jason Brown  
Rick Comstock  
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