

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA



everything
[in] between
grief & hope

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 20th 2025 ~Easter Sunday

"The ringing of the bells moves us from a spirit of getting here to a spirit of being here."

Grief and Hope

On this Easter Sunday, what grief do you carry? Where do you find hope in the land of the living?

GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Mary Lou McMillin - April 25

GATHERING SONG: NO. 232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" v.1

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the dark before dawn,

we believe that God is alive.

In the midst of our grief,

we believe the Spirit is at work.

In the chaos of our broken world,

we believe that love is on the loose.

For no stone could keep God at bay,

and no violence could keep God's love from us.

So today we sing,

Alleluia!

For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,

hope lives.

Christ has died,

and Christ has also risen.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

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

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Gospel of Luke says: "It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles [of the resurrection]. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb."¹

Forgive us, God,

when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.

Forgive us, God,

when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.

Forgive us, God,

when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.

Show us how to hold onto hope.

Show us how to run toward you. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Family of Faith, At first, the disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen. They stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid. Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.

God's grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when

we're grieving, when we're shouting and when we're silent,

when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear.

God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days, and every day in between.

*Invitation to stand

**Thanks be to God for this good news!
Alleluia! Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 251 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" v. 4 and refrain

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118:17, 21-24 and Luke 24:1-12

SERMON: "everything [in] between: grief & hope"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 249 "Because You Live, O Christ"

BAPTISM: Malaya Esguerra-Johnson

Together, let us affirm these words from Scripture:

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the**

communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" v. 4 and refrain

*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, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

*FINAL HYMN: NO. 547 "Every Morning is Easter Morning"

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 246 "Christ is Alive" v. 5

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Mary Lou McMillin, Liturgist
Eric Ruple, Pianist
Mary Colleen Knapp, 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

Egg Hunt & Brunch: Following worship today, we will enjoy an Easter egg hunt together, followed by an Easter brunch. All are welcome to join!

One Great Hour of Sharing: Today we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

Third Annual Ecumenical Earth Day Worship Service: Next Sunday, we will join again with local congregations for the Third Annual Ecumenical Earth Day Worship service at Turner Pavilion. Bring your camping chairs and join us at 9:45 am on Sunday, April 27th. All ages are welcome!

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



This Week at Trinity

April 20 - April 25

Sunday, April 20

7:45 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Easter Service	Church House & Online
11:15 am - Easter Egg Hunt	Church Yard
11:30 am - Easter Brunch	Commons

Monday, April 21

7:00 pm - Hearts & Hands	Zoom
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Tuesday, April 22

5:00 pm - Yoga	Sanctuary
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Wednesday, April 23

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, April 24

9:00 am - Backpack Program	Keister Elementary
9:00 am - CWS Family Workshop	Commons
6:30 pm - Enneagram Class	Centering Space
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

Friday, April 25

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons
12:00 pm - Downtown Walk	Downtown



**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

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Linda Bradley, *Clerk of Session*

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