

**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.

January 18th 2026 ~ Second Sunday after the Epiphany

"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

Susie Phend - January 21

GATHERING SONG: "Come, and See"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 413 "Come Into God's Presence"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Invitation to stand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you know our lives and our thoughts as only one of us can know. You know that we like to build our own houses on foundations that we lay ourselves. You know that we hope you'll admire our houses and agree to bless them. You know that we pay for our houses by selling doves and cattle in your house. And you know that we would rather not say these things, not to you, not to our friends, not to ourselves. Stay beside us now, we pray, as we show ourselves. Assure us that our lives remind you of yours.

Time for a silent confession

Amen

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 125 "Before the Marvel of This Night" v.3

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 127:1-2 & John 2:13-25

SERMON: "By what authority?"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO.756 "O God of Every Nation"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from A Sanctified Art

**We have seen the valley.
We have seen a sky without stars.
We have seen the longest night,
and still we believe in God with-us.
We believe in the hope of tomorrow.**

**We believe that grace is stronger than fear.
We believe that grace is for all people.
So even when our knees shake,
even when our voices tremble,
we will reach for each other.
We will look for God in our midst.
We will sing songs of joy.
We will proclaim:
Unto us, love is born.
We have seen the longest night,
and we have seen unimaginable love.
So still, we believe.
Amen.**

PRAYERS, NOTES, AND HOLY DOODLES

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*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. 307 "God of Grace, and God of Glory"

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 295 "Go to the World!" v.2

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Mark Dewey, 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

Nurture: Centering Space will offer a 4-week nurture series that will begin today, January 18. We will learn from members of the neurodiversity community and explore ways we can all celebrate and deepen our relationship with God and care for one another. Mark Dewey's book study will be postponed.

Epiphany Meals: Today is the last day to sign up to host or attend an Epiphany meal. The sign-up sheet can be found in the commons, or you may sign-up on the link provided in your email. For any questions, contact Nancy Hopkins-Garris.

Faculty Concert: Eric Ruple will be performing a solo piano concert at JMU on Wednesday, January 28 in the Forbes Center Recital Hall. This will be his last faculty concert at JMU before retiring in the spring! Tickets are available at the Forbes Center Box Office or on the JMU School of Music website.

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



This Week at Trinity

January 11 - January 23

Sunday, January 18

7:30 am - Book Study
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship
11:00 am - Nurture

Zoom
Church House & Online
Church House

Monday, January 19 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Office Closed*

7:00 pm Hearts & Hands

Zoom

Tuesday, January 20

4:00 pm - Centering Space Meeting
5:00 pm - Yoga

Centering Space
Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 21

5:45 am - Lectio Divina
9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set Up
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open

Zoom
Commons
Yoke Room
Commons

Thursday, January 22

7:00 pm - Chess Club

Commons

Friday, January 23

5:45 am - Lectio Divina
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness

Zoom
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 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday

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