

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.

November 9th 2025 ~ Dedication Sunday

"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

GATHERING SONG: NO. 372 "O For a World" v.2

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Each day we must choose:

purposely seek good, or just coast along the way things are.

Each day we have opportunities:

to do justice and to build on love.

Each day we can live the truth:

our gracious God is with us.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 301 "Let us Build a House"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we confess

*Invitation to stand

**that we put ourselves first
and trust in things that will not last.
We desire the evil and scorn the good;
we gather up power and wealth
and push aside the needy in our way.
O Lord, be gracious to us
in spite of our great sin.
Teach us to love your justice
and share in your mercy.
Help us to seek the treasure
of heavenly life with you;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 750 "Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 7:37-38 & 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

SERMON: "Understanding the Assignment"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 70 "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith*

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle**

PRAYERS, NOTES, AND HOLY DOODLES

**for victories over evil that are possible now
in the world, the church, and our individual lives.
Hope gives us courage and energy
to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity
that are surely coming.
Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 290 "O Day of Joy and Wonder" v.3

*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. 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 751 "From the Nets of Our Labors " v.5

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Linda Bradley, Liturgist
Bryce Hayes, Music
Mary Lou McMillin, 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 Today: Following Dedication Sunday today, we will have a presentation from Sara Joy Proppe about “placemaking,” and how it can help us discern improvements for our grounds that align with our mission and vision. The presentation will take place in the Sanctuary from 11:30-12, and then we will move to the Commons for a shared lunch and table conversations. Lunch will be provided!

Clothing Drive for Bluestone Elementary: We’re collecting clothing items to support students at Bluestone Elementary! Please consider donating youth medium and large shirts, boys’ pants (all sizes), boys’ underwear (all sizes), and socks. Donations can be dropped off at the church through November 14. Let’s come together to help our local kids stay warm and comfortable this season—thank you for your generosity!

Brave Brunch: The Harvest Team will host a Brave Brunch after the service next Sunday, Nov.16, 2025. This is an opportunity to practice cultural humility, a chance to step outside your gastronomical comfort zone. The team will provide Muesli, and we ask you to bring a dish to share reflecting your cultural heritage. Please include a description of the dish and the culture it represents. The Harvest Team looks forward to your participation in this adventure.

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



This Week at Trinity

November 9 - November 15

Sunday, November 9

7:30 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:30 am - Nurture	Sanctuary
12:00 pm - Shared Lunch	Commons

Tuesday, November 11

10:30am - Enneagram Class	Centering Space
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Wednesday, November 12

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, November 13

9:00 am - Committee on Ministry Mtg	Commons
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

Friday, November 14

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons
5:00 pm - Trunk or Treat	Church Parking Lot



**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 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday
Heather's Sabbath: Tuesday

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