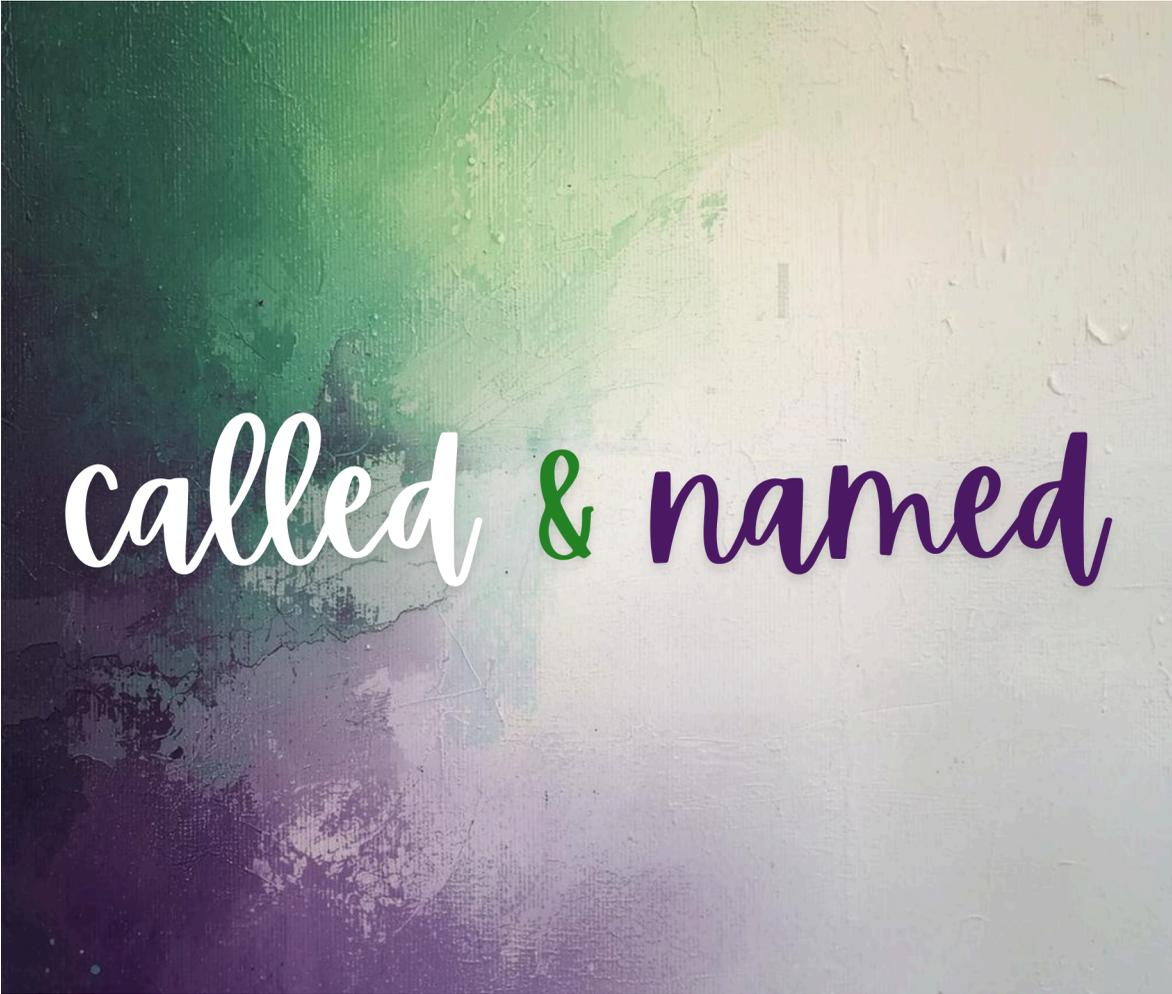


**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA**



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.*

March 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 ~ Third Sunday in Lent

**"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. 401 "Here in this Place" v. 1

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter into a holy place  
through the new and living way  
Jesus Christ has opened for us.  
We come as a holy people—  
born of the grace of Jesus Christ.  
Let us worship God together.

\*OPENING HYMN: no. 53 "O God, Who Gives us Life and Breath"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess to you: like sheep, we all go astray.

**Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

We betray you; we deny you; like sheep, we all go astray.

**Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

We mock you; we scorn you; like sheep, we all go astray.

**Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

\*Invitation to stand

We abandon you; we forsake you; like sheep, we all go astray.

**Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, have mercy on us,

**and by your grace, Jesus Christ,**

**save us from our sin.**

*Time for a silent confession*

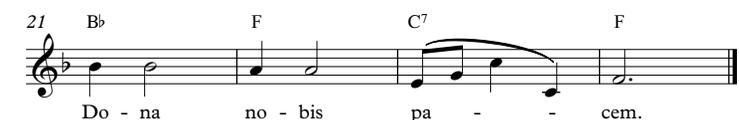
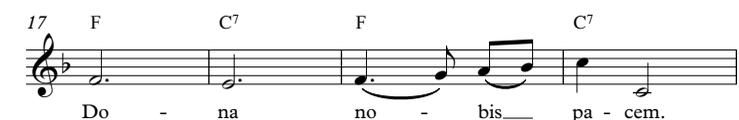
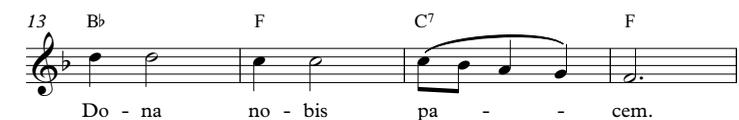
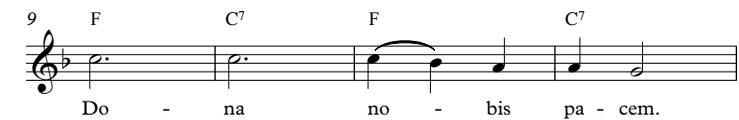
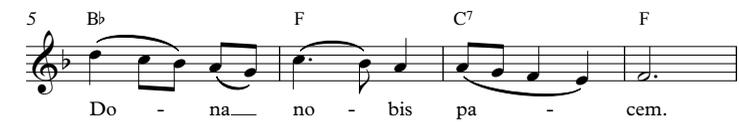
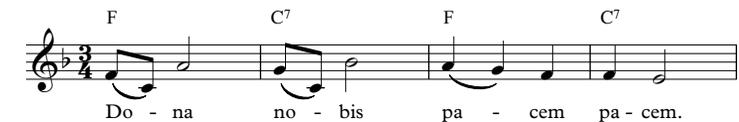
**Amen**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SONG OF RESPONSE: no. 456 "Listen, God is Calling" refrain 2x

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Dona Nobis Pacem"



ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYERS, NOTES AND HOLY DOODLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 17:1-7 & John 18:1-27

SERMON: "And So it Begins"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: no. 218 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

\*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. 711 "Lord of All Good" v. 1

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*FINAL HYMN: no. 549 "May the Love of the Lord"

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: no. 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me?" v.1

## Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor  
Teresa Harris, Liturgist  
Eric Ruple, Pianist

Rachel Grimsby & Katherine Donnelly, Special Music  
Donna Barber, 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

**Switchover Day:** It's time to switch out the Clothes Closet from winter to summer clothes. We need ten volunteers on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 9am to noon to make it happen. Pizza will be provided! Sign up online.

**VIA Press Conference:** Valley Interfaith Action is holding a press conference on Monday, March 23, at Park View Mennonite Church. Join VIA, elected leaders, and area employers as we commit to working together to deliver the childcare our families deserve! A minimum of ten members Trinity are needed to attend and show support at this event. Contact Mo Gallagher - McLeoud for more information.

**Lunch Bunch:** Come to Our Community Place for lunch on Friday, March 13, at noon. The cost is \$12.50 and the menu for the day will be available closer to the date. Please RSVP online or reach out to the church office.

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



## This Week at Trinity

**March 8 - March 13**

### **Sunday, March 8**

7:30 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:00 am - Guest Talk	Church House

### **Monday, March 9**

1:00 pm - Pastoral Care Meeting	Yoke Room
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### **Tuesday, March 10**

5:00 pm - Yoga	Sanctuary
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### **Wednesday, March 11**

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, March 12**

7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons
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### **Friday, March 13**

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons
12:00 pm - Lunch Bunch	Our Community Place



**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



Church Office Hours:  
Mon-Fri 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday

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