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.

October 25h 2026 ~ Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

"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
Lea Beka - October 27

GATHERING SONG: no. 401 "Here in this Place" v.2

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP: Adapted from a call to worship by Scott Hoezee
Let us worship God.
"He is our refuge and our fortress,
our God in whom we trust" (Psalm 91:2)
Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord,"
and believe in our hearts
that God raised him from the dead.
"Everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).
Let us then call upon our true God,
believing him in our hearts,
confessing him with our mouth,
worshiping him in Spirit and in Truth.

*Invitation to stand

*OPENING HYMN: no. 664 "Morning Has Broken"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Reinhold Niebuhr
We confess that we are not worthy of the riches of life for which the generations of people have labored that we might enter into [our] heritage. We confess the sorry confusion of our common life, the greed which disfigures our collective life and sets us against each other. We confess the indifference and callousness with which we treat the sufferings and the insecurity of the poor, and the pettiness which mars the relations between us. May we with contrite hearts seek once more to purify our spirits, and to clarify our reason so that the fairer temple for the human spirit may be built in human society.
Time for Silent Confession
Amen

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: no. 292 "As the Wind Song" v.2

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON: "Take It Easy?"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, Be with Us

A hymn for Matthew 25 churches in the PC(USA)



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:from "What God Is Saying to Trinity"

We believe that God is alive and at work in the world today, leading us in new pathways through the eternal newness of the living Christ. We believe that we are not called to business as usual. We believe that God speaks to a disenchanted and disinterested world. We believe that the church exists for the world and not for itself, and its buildings and programs are to be used for the life, service, and witness of God's grace and love. We believe that where Christ is known human barriers break down, for the church is not a building with walls but the limitless household of God, and so we are called to know ourselves as a fellowship of the forgiven, a company of the committed. We believe that the Holy Spirit offers us freedom from new molds of our own making, and we rejoice in the worldly insecurity that enables us to continue in an open-ended search for the will of God, wondering and eagerly listening for what God will say to our church tomorrow.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: no. 715 "The Earth Belongs to God Alone" v.4

*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"

*CHARGE

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

Worship Leadership

Mark Facknitz, Preacher
Ethan King, Liturgist
Eric Ruple, Pianist
Ginnie Reinhold, 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

Assisted Listening Devices: Reminder - we have assisted listening devices available. You can get them from the usher.

Community Reading: Based on our ongoing commitment to public theology and community engagement, Trinity has been invited by The Christian Century magazine to participate in an initiative called Community Reading Circles. Participants in the reading circles receive a free subscription to the magazine for the year, and commit to gathering on a weekly or monthly basis for reflection and discussion, supported by additional resources from the project. We need at least a dozen participants to commit in order to participate. More info in the weekly Email

VIA Fall Assembly: Join with 200 VIA leaders as we ask elected leaders and Harrisonburg City Council candidates to work with us to increase access, affordability, and sustainability for high-quality early education and childcare, support our immigrant members and neighbors in this moment of uncertainty and fear, and co-create on local issue and actions so that all Valley families can thrive.

New Yoga Session: The new Fall yoga session with Robin begins again on Tuesday November 10 at 5:00pm, and will run through Tuesday December 15.



This Week at Trinity

October 25 - October 31

Sunday, October 25

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

Tuesday, October 27

4:00 pm - Centering Space Meeting	Centering Space
4:30 pm - Mahjong	Centering Space

Wednesday, October 28

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, October 29

10:00 pm - Yoga	Sanctuary
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

Friday, October 30

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

Saturday, October 31

5:00 pm - Trunk-or-Treat	Church House

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
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Mon-Fri 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
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