

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.

September 21st 2025 ~ Fifteenth 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

GATHERING SONG: NO. 372 "O For a World" v. 3

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

Offspring of Abraham, children of Jacob, let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 694 "Great God of Every Blessing"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Invitation to stand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all blessings,
We confess that we have not often thought of ourselves
as ones reflecting and echoing your blessing into the world.
We love to receive your blessing, but are quick to judge if
others are worthy to receive it.**

We look out for ourselves, seeking the advantage.

Forgive us when we miss your presence.

**Forgive us when we try to keep your blessing within our
boundaries.**

**Awaken us to the truth that you are always present, even in
places we don't expect, pouring out your abundant life to the
whole world. Make us ready to be a blessing to all.**

We ask in the name of Jesus Christ...

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 1:50-51 and Genesis 27:1-4,15-23; 28:10-17

SERMON: "A Single Blessing"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 346 "For The Healing of the Nations"

*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**

**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. 546 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" v. 1-2

*CHARGE

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

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Kandy Grant, Liturgist
Bryce Hayes, Pianist
Amy Lemmons, 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

Blessing of the Animals: We are invited to join Emmanuel Episcopal Church on the feast day of St. Francis for a service of Blessing of the Animals. The service will be Saturday, October 4 at 10 am. All of God's creatures are welcome!

Artists for Peace: Sunday, Oct. 5 from 11:30-1:30, we'll host “Artists for Peace,” formerly “Artists for Ukraine.” Local artists have donated works of art that travel between events, and shoppers can purchase anything for a donation of any amount. Donations are directed entirely to the recipients selected by the host. Donations from our event will support the ministry of Nabarangpur Mercy House.

Fall Switchover Day: It's that time of year! Fall is almost here, which means it's time to switch out the Clothes Closet from summer to winter clothes. We are still in need of more volunteers on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 9am to noon to make it happen. Pizza will be provided! Please go to the signup link below to volunteer. Thanks in advance!

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



This Week at Trinity

September 21- September 28

Sunday, September 21	
7:45 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
1:00 pm - Pride Festival	Turner Pavilion
Tuesday, September 23	
10:30am - Enneagram Class	Centering Space
Wednesday, September 24	
5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set Up	Commons
10:00 am - Reaching Out Book Club	
11:45 am - Clergy Meeting	Harbor Room
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting	Yoke Room
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open	Commons
Thursday, September 18	
6:30 pm - Enneagram Class	Centering Space
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons
Friday, September 19	
5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons
Saturday, September 20	
9:00 am - Clothes Closet	Commons
Switchover Day	



*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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