

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA



everything
[in] between
rest & growth

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 23rd 2025 ~Third Sunday in Lent

"The ringing of the bells moves us from a spirit of getting here to a spirit of being here."

Rest and growth

What do you need more of - rest or growth or a little of both?

GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Isaac Wing - March 23

Catherine Barber Wells- March 24

Jane Alberico- March 24

Sue Johnson- March 26

GATHERING SONG: NO. 406 "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship is a place to rest.

We breathe deeply here.

We still our aching bones.

We sit in the quiet.

We surround ourselves with music.

Worship is a place to rest.

Worship is a place to grow.

We listen for God's word.

We invite it to challenge us.

We lean in with curiosity.

We ask questions.

Worship is a place to grow.

*Invitation to stand

So come into this space.

Come rest and grow here.

**For where two or more are gathered,
God is always there.**

Let us worship our gracious God.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

There are days when we fail to rest.

We stretch ourselves too thin. We say "yes" to every invitation. We run a million miles a minute. We ignore your command to rest.

There are also days when we fail to act.

We wait for someone else. We take the easy road.

We find excuses and justify our inaction.

God, forgive our imbalance.

Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly.

Show us how to do the same. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, I have good news! Our God does not keep score. Our God does not hold grudges. Our God does not assume the worst about us. No, our God offers grace, and endless second chances, and boundless love. So join me in proclaiming the good news of the gospel:

God's grace is deeper than the ocean. God's love is wider than the sky. We are seen. We are claimed. We are forgiven.

**May this realization change and inspire us.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 421 "Have Mercy, God, Upon my Life" v. 4

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 122 and Luke 13:6-9

SERMON: "everything [in] between: rest & growth"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 434 "Restore in Us, O God"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who loves and tends to us like a gardener. We believe that like the trees, some seasons are for growth, and some seasons are for rest. Some days require pruning, and some require planting. Fortunately, we believe that our green-thumbed God sees us and cultivates the sweetest fruit. So may we plant roots, reach for the sky, grow where we can, and rest when we need, for we believe there is holiness in the pruning and in the planting. And we do not grow alone. Thanks be to God, amen.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 643 "Now Thank We All Our God" v. 3

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*FINAL HYMN: NO. 291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" v. 4

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Rick Comstock, Liturgist
Eric Ruple, Pianist
Yogi Gillette, 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: This month, Nurture time will be intentionally open for conversation, support, strategizing, or whatever else is needed in these days!

Easter Flowers: It is time to order flowers! Forms are online, or you can pick one up at our church office. Donations in lieu of flowers will go to Church World Service. The order deadline is **next Sunday, March 30.**

Clothes Closet Switchover Day: It's that time of year! Spring has sprung, which means it's time to switch out the Clothes Closet from winter to summer clothes. Ten volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 6, from 9am to noon. Pizza will be provided! Please go to the signup link online to volunteer. Thanks in advance!

The Signal App: We're introducing a new way to stay in touch—Signal! This free, secure messaging app will allow Trinity members to communicate, share updates, and stay connected in a simple and private way. Contact Stephanie or the office for links to sign up!

For more details and announcements: Visit the "What's



This Week at Trinity

March 23 - March 29

Sunday, March 23

7:45 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:15 am - Explorers Class	Church House

Tuesday, March 25

5:00 pm - Yoga	Sanctuary
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Wednesday, March 26

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 27

9:00 am - CWS Family Workshop	Commons
9:00 am - Lectio Divina	Yoke Room
9:00 am - Backpack Program	Keister Elementary
11:00 am - Support Group	Harbor Room
6:30 pm - Enneagram Class	Centering Space
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

Friday, March 28

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons
3:00 pm - Backpack Program	Keister Elementary



*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
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Mon-Fri 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday
Kim's Sabbath: Tuesday

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