

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA



***“Stewards of
Our Pain”***

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 24th 2024 ~ Last 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

Bill Reinhold - November 27th

Stephanie Sorge - November 29th

Phillip Rainard - November 30th

GATHERING SONG: NO. 301 "Let us Build a House" v.2

MOMENT FOR MISSION: What I Bring to the Table

CALL TO WORSHIP: From "Every Moment, A Holy Liturgy for the Labors of Community" by Douglas Kelsey

**We are gathered here because we believe
that we are called together into a work
we cannot yet know the fullness of.
Still, we trust the voice of
the One who has called us.**

**And so we offer to you, O God, these things:
Our dreams, our plans, our vision.
Shape them as you will.**

Our moments and our gifts.

May they be invested toward bright, eternal ends...

**May our acts of service and creation,
frail and wanting as they are,
be met and multiplied by the mysterious
workings of Your Spirit
who weaves all things together
toward a redemption more good and glorious
than we yet have eyes to see,
or courage to hope for.**

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 450 "Be Thou My Vision"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the
comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the
giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine
for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are
quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but
you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of
Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his
sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness,
his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works,
his death for our life. Restore in us our confidence that we can
do your work in the world. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 767 "Together We Serve" v.4

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

School-aged young disciples are welcome to proceed upstairs to continue to worship with engaged hands, bodies, and minds.

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Luke 22:19-20, and Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34

SERMON: "Stewards of Our Pain"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 53 "O God, Who Gives Us Life"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God is God.

We believe that God created all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe that God is more than we can know, more than we can say, more than we can hold, and also manifest in scripture, in creation, in humanity.

We believe that God is far beyond our moment and our place, and also written on our very hearts, in words that we can hear and feel already, and not yet.

We believe that God, in Jesus Christ, embraced the human limitation we dislike, the human vulnerability we deny, and

the human dependence that keeps us yearning for God. In Jesus Christ, God bridged the gap between the Holy Spirit and the human soul.

In Jesus Christ we see the truth about ourselves and find the courage to accept it, with the help of God.

Made like him, like him we rise. Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Amen

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 709 "God, We Honor You"

*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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*FINAL HYMN: NO. 307 " God of Grace and God of Glory"

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" v. 2

Worship Leadership

Mark Dewey, Preacher

Mark Facknitz, Liturgist

Eric Ruple, Pianist

Virginia Healy, 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

Poinsettias: If you would like to adopt a poinsettia in honor or memory of loved ones, \$16.50 will cover the cost. You can also choose to direct your gift in honor or memory to go to Open Doors. Checks can be designated for either purpose. **Deadlines for placing orders for poinsettias are November 26th.**

December 1 Activities: We will be having some family friendly activities going on after worship on December 1st! Nancy will be making advent wreaths with folks, and Susie will be getting together some younger volunteers to help with decorating the church and making Christmas ornaments. We would love to have you join us!

Upstairs Rooms: The two Centering Space rooms upstairs are currently out of commission as work is completed. School-aged children will have the option of shifting to the Commons after the Passing of the Peace, where some of the upstairs activities will be available while they listen to the worship live stream. Families with children as well as those who often participate in worship from the Commons are invited to plan accordingly!

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



This Week at Trinity

November 24 - December 30

Sunday, November 24

7:45 am - Book Study

Zoom

10:00 am - Hybrid Worship

Church House & Online

Wednesday, November 20

Church Office Closed

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed

Friday, November 22

Church Office Closed



**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 2024

Jason Brown
Rick Comstock
Kandy Grant
Virginia Healy

CLASS OF 2025

Yogi Gillette
Mark Dewey
Mary Lou McMillin
Susie Phend

CLASS OF 2026

David Carothers
Amy Lemmons
Ginnie Reinhold
Bob Schminkey



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

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