

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 5th 2025 ~ Seventeenth 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

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 509 " All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you bless us with gifts of mercy that are new every morning.

We admit we have a tendency to hold on and save up, worried there won't be enough for tomorrow.

We confess that we are a people prone to mistrust, certain our neighbors are getting things at our expense, quick to complain that things have gone downhill,

*Invitation to stand

always believing we just need a little more than we have. When we misuse your gifts, so that there is not enough to go around, forgive us.

When we insist on instant gratification so some never get a day of rest, forgive us.

When we see only scarcity and teach others to see it too, forgive us.

With you there is always enough, even when we do not know how to name it.

Restore us to the joy of your providing, and help us today to practice your abundance, that we may be good stewards of your ordinary miracles each day. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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 6:51 and Exodus 16:1-18

SERMON: "The Devil You Know"

*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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: NO. 501 "Feed Us, Lord"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister/Leader

People

S3

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Minister/Leader

People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Minister/Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

S4

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

S5

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL HYMN: NO. 538 "Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"

*CHARGE

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

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Donna Barber, 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

Artists for Peace: Today from 11:30-1:30, we’ll host “Artists for Peace.” 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.

Labyrinth Walk: Centering Space invites you to celebrate the fall season with a Harvest Moon labyrinth walk. We will gather tomorrow, October 6 at 7:45 p.m. at the labyrinth for a brief time of centering ourselves before walking together by the light of the Harvest Moon. For more information, contact Teresa Harris or Mary Lou McMillan.

Called Congregational Meeting: We will have a called congregational meeting on Sunday, October 19, at 11:15 am for the purpose of electing elders to the class of 2028.

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



This Week at Trinity
October 5 - October 11

Sunday, October 5	
7:30 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:30 am - Artists for Peace	Church House
Monday, October 6	
1:00pm - Pastoral Care Meeting	Yoke Room
7:45 pm - Labyrinth Walk	Labyrinth
Tuesday, October 7	
10:30am - Enneagram Class	Centering Space
5:00 pm - Yoga	Sanctuary
7:00pm - Care Portal Training	Commons
Wednesday, October 8	
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 9	
6:30 pm - Enneagram Class	Centering Space
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons
Friday, October 10	
5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons
2:00 pm - Story Corps	Commons



*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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