

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA



everything
[in] between
righteousness & mercy

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.

April 6th 2025 ~Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

**Righteousness and mercy
Have you witnessed or experienced being "called in" instead of
being "called out"**

GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Sherry Satin - April 10

Malcolm Cameron - April 12

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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship because we long for mercy.

We long for community.

We long for God.

We come to worship because we need a good word.

We need connection.

We need moral reminders.

We come to worship because we are in between:

hope and grief,

faith and doubt,

joy and longing,

curiosity and conviction.

So we come to worship and God meets us here.

Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the

*Invitation to stand

middle! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 409 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
When we fail to be righteous,
show us mercy.**

**When we fail to be merciful,
show us what is right.**

**Again and again,
bring us closer to you.**

**Again and again,
show us the way.**

Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:

When we fail to be righteous,

God is merciful.

When we fail to be merciful,

God invites us to try again.

Again and again,

God moves closer to us.

Again and again,

God shows us the way.

Thanks be to God for this unending love.

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 84:1-4, 10-12 and Luke 19:1-10

SERMON: "everything [in] between: righteousness & mercy"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Sanctified Art*

**In a world that loves to cast blame
and point fingers,
Jesus loved by different rules.
He offered mercy.
He invited people to dinner.
He told stories of love.
He chose to see the best in others.
We believe that small acts of mercy
and compassion have ripple effects in our lives.
We believe that small acts of righteousness
and justice are integral to a life of faith.
So like Christ, we believe in
offering mercy,
inviting people to dinner,
telling stories of love,
and choosing to see the best in others.
With God's help, may it be so. Amen.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF PREPARATION: NO. 510 "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"

COMMUNION

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.

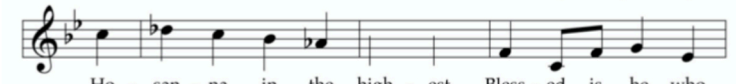
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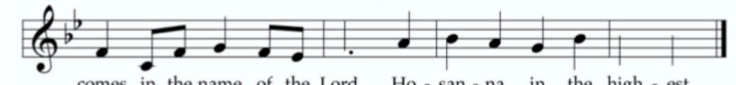
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*FINAL HYMN: "In This New Moment"

*CHARGE

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

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Kim Shank, Liturgist
Eric Ruple, Pianist
Mary Colleen Knapp, 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

April 13 Nurture: We are excited to welcome Dr. Michael Richards, Superintendent of Harrisonburg City Public Schools, to lead Nurture following worship on Sunday, April 13th. Dr. Richards will provide information about the issues currently facing our schools, with a particular focus on the more vulnerable members of the community, including immigrants and LGBTQIA+ families.

Holy Week: During Holy Week, we will have services at Trinity on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, each beginning at 7 pm. We are also invited to join Muhlenberg Lutheran Church on Saturday at 7 pm for their Easter Vigil. It will begin in Woodbine Cemetery and proceed to the church.

Third Annual Ecumenical Earth Day Worship Service: The week after Easter, we will join again with local congregations for the Third Annual Ecumenical Earth Day Worship service at Turner Pavilion. Bring your camping chairs and join us at 9:45 am on Sunday, April 27th. All ages are welcome!

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



This Week at Trinity

April 6 - April 12

Sunday, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

1:00 pm - Pastoral Care Meeting	Yoke Room
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Tuesday, April 8

5:00 pm - yoga	Sanctuary
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Wednesday, April 9

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, April 10

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, April 11

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
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Susie Phend

CLASS OF 2026

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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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