

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 10, 2023 ~ 15th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: "Blessings Abound"

Blessings abound. They can be found if only our eyes are open wide.
God's all around. Without a sound,
God's blessings will flow throughout our lives.
God created us from the earth,
All creation was good at birth.
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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" v. 1-2, 4-5

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly parent, we admit that we have not loved our fellow humans as Christ has loved us.

All too frequently, we have chosen to follow our personal impulses rather than the example of selfless love that Christ set for us. Dear God, show us mercy. Please pardon us of our sins and set us free from the bondage of sins.

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 110 "Love Has Come" v. 3

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Jesus, Be With Us"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes

**everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people,
to live as one community,
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring
God's commandments. we violate the image of God in others
and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and
nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our
care. We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In
everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a
covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing
their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house
of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of
the covenant. Like a parent who will not forsake their nursing
child, or like one who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 643 "Now Thank We All Our God" v. 1

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*FINAL HYMN: NO. 23 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 733 "We All Are One in Mission" v. 2

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Dr. Diane Givens Moffett, Guest Preacher
Mary Colleen Knapp, Liturgist
Eric Ruple, Pianist
Mary Lou McMillin, House Steward

*We welcome all who are visiting with us today
and encourage you to sign the guest book in the hallway.*

Trinity Announcements

Celebrating Gwen & Guest Preacher: Today, come celebrate and give thanks for Gwen's time with Trinity! This is a very special Sunday. We welcome the Rev. Dr. Diane Givens Moffett, Executive Director and President of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, as our guest preacher. Immediately following worship, Dr. Moffett will lead Nurture, and after the Nurture program, we will proceed to the Commons for a reception in Gwen's honor. A basket for cards will be available. We hope many are able to join in this celebratory morning!

Shenandoah Valley Pride: Shenandoah Valley Pride is back! Trinity will have a booth on Court Square Saturday, September 16 from 1 pm to 5 pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up, break down, and staff our booth during the event. Sign up on our website, or call the office and let us know you'd like to help!

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



This Week at Trinity - September 10 - September 16

Sunday, September 10

7:45 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:00 am - Coffee Fellowship	Commons
11:15 am - Nurture	Yoke Room
12:00 pm - Gwen's Reception	Commons

Tuesday, September 12

5:00 - 6:00 pm - Yoga Class	Sanctuary
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Wednesday, September 13

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00-11:00 am - Clothes Closet Set-up	Commons
12:00-1:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting	Sanctuary
6:00 pm - CWS Welcoming Week	Central Library
6:30-7:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open	Commons

Thursday, September 14

6:00 - 9:00 pm - NewBridges' Banquet	Brix & Columns Vineyard
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

Friday, September 15

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness	Commons

Saturday, September 16

11:00 am - 7:00 pm - Open Doors' Food Truck Fest	Rockingham County Fairgrounds
1:00 - 5:00 pm - Pride Festival	Court Square



**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 2023

Mark Facknitz
Nancy Hopkins-Garriss
Rick Orem
Patti Warner

CLASS OF 2024

Jason Brown
Rick Comstock
Kandy Grant
Virginia Healy

CLASS OF 2025

Dane Byers
Mark Dewey
Mary Lou McMillin
Susie Phend



Church Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday
Gwen's Sabbath: Monday

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