

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 19th 2025 ~ Nineteenth 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.4

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 5 "God, the Sculptor of the Mountains"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and set our spirits right within us.
You look for hearts that are steady enough to pursue your
will, and we confess that we are often seduced by other
visions. We think we know what you're looking for,
but really we just project our own ideas onto you and call our
criteria holy. We stop at the end of what we expect,**

*Invitation to stand

**and are offended at the thought that you would go farther.
Forgive us, O God.**

Do not send us away from your presence!

**Sustain us in the goodness and joy of your kingdom,
and make us willing to follow your lead.**

**Open our mouths to proclaim your praise,
and open our hands to serve your purpose,
and move our feet out of the tiny boxes we have made for
you. You are the God who sees our inmost truth,
and we pray you would help us see our inmost truth, too,
that we may live more honestly and more fully
as your holy people in the world.**

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 7:24, 1 Samuel 16:1-13, and Psalm 51:10-14

SERMON: "Profiles in Courage"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith*

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.

PRAYERS, NOTES, AND HOLY DOODLES

**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

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.**

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

*CHARGE

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

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor

Susie Phend, 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 or to fill out the blue
"Welcome to Trinity" slip.*

Trinity Announcements

Called Congregational Meeting: There will be a called congregational meeting today for the purpose of electing Elders to the class of 2028. The meeting will take place in person and on Zoom at 11:15 am.

Trunk or Treat: On Friday, October 31, we will turn our parking lot into a can't miss spot for those trick-or-treating in Sunset Heights. We'll gather at the church at 5 pm, set up vehicles, and enjoy some pizza together to fuel us for the evening. We'll also celebrate Malaya's birthday! Come ready to dress up your trunk or dress up yourself as we take part in the neighborhood fun.

Church Retreat: The annual church retreat will be held at Massanetta Springs on Sunday, November 2. We'll gather around 9:30 am for our retreat focus in the morning, eat lunch together in the dining room, and conclude with afternoon worship. This will be a hands-on, creative retreat. If you can't make it for the whole retreat day, feel free to join us for the morning activities, lunch, worship, or any combination that works for your schedule.

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



This Week at Trinity

October 19 - October 25

Sunday, October 19

7:30 am - Book Study
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship
11:00 am - Called Congregational Meeting

12:30 pm - Vanita
4:00 pm - Session Meeting

Zoom
Church House & Online Sanctuary

Commons
Commons

Monday, October 20

10:30am - Hearts & Hands

Zoom

Tuesday, October 21

10:30am - Enneagram Class
4:00 pm - Centering Space Meeting

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Wednesday, October 22

5:45 am - Lectio Divina
9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set Up
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open

Zoom
Commons
Yoke Room
Commons

Thursday, October 23

6:30 pm - Enneagram Class
9:00 am - Lectio Divinia
7:00 pm - Chess Club

Centering Space
Yoke Room
Commons

Friday, October 24

5:45 am - Lectio Divina
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness
2:00 pm - Story Corps

Zoom
Commons
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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