

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.

July 20th 2025 ~ Sixth 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

Penelope Callahan - July 21

Jenny Bolt - July 23

Tanya Davis Sparks - July 24

Nancy Hopkins-Garriss - July 25

GATHERING SONG: NO. 283 "Come, O Holy Spirit, Come"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 466 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of peace, you know us from before we were formed in our mother's womb. Forgive us when we only have good intentions and do not commit ourselves to concrete action for peace and justice.

Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

*Invitation to stand

O God of justice, you judge our human race with mercy. Forgive us when we allow your image in us to be marred as we remain passive in face of so much violence and exclusion.
Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

O God of love, you have created humankind to be one great family. Forgive our inability to be reconciled with others, both our dear ones and our enemies.
Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

O God of grace, you have given us the gift of speech to be an instrument for change. Forgive us for the times when we have spoken too hastily without thinking of the consequences, or have remained silent out of fear or indifference.
Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

O God of life, you have placed us on this earth to tend and watch over it. Forgive us when we have failed to care for your world, to protect nature, the home you have given us, the home of our ancestors and of our descendants. Help us to promote life and seek peace.
Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved and our sins forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
Amen.

Time for Silent Confession
Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 288 "Spirit of the Living God"

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 17:1-8 and Jeremiah 33:14-18

SERMON: "The Days Are Surely Coming"

VIDEO: Guns to Gardens

TESTIMONY

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 357 "The Days Are Surely Coming"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith, What is God Saying to Trinity*, and *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.

We believe that the Holy Spirit offers us freedom from new molds of our own making. Therefore, we rejoice in the "worldly insecurity" that will enable us to continue in an open-ended search for the will of God, wondering and eagerly listening for what God will say to our church tomorrow.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER 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: "If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers"

**If we just talk of thoughts and prayers
And don't live out a faith that dares,
And don't take on the ways of death,
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.**

**If we just dream of what could be
And do not build community,
And do not seek to change our ways,
Our dreams of change are false displays.**

**If we just sing of doing good
And don't walk through our neighborhood
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,
Our talk of good is simply vain.**

**God, may our prayers and dreams and songs
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs –
That works for peace and justice, too.
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.**

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 744 "Arise, Your Light is Come" v.1

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Hedy Reese, Liturgist
Paulo Steinberg, Pianist
Stephanie Gardner, 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

Training Session: There is a new collaboration between churches & the Department of Social Services to address needs in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham area. We are set up as an inaugural member, & Lauren will be leading a training Session tomorrow, July 7th, at 2 pm, for anyone interested. If you're not able to make it for the training, let Virginia know that you would like to get involved.

James Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage: Trinity is a sponsor of the 2nd Annual James Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage, which will be held at Massanetta Springs, September 24-27! There are many details available online, but we would love to encourage many from Trinity and the community to participate. If you are interested in going and receiving some scholarship support, please reach out to Linda Bradley or Stephanie.

Nurture Today: Collaborating to Create Three Local Pollinator Gardens. Learn about local pollinator gardens with Bonnie Burchfield, Donna Barber, Stephanie Gardner, and Kathy Gillette.

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



This Week at Trinity

July 20th - July 25th

Sunday, July 13

7:45 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
4: 00 pm - Session Meeting	Commons

Monday, July 21

7:00 pm - Hearts & Hands	Zoom
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Wednesday, July 23

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00 am - Clothes Closet set up	Commons
10:00 am - Reaching Out Book Study	Zoom
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting	Yoke Room
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open	Commons

Thursday, July 24

7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons
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Friday, July 25

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