

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA**



# ***“After These Things”***

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 ~ 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

Erin Rainard, September 17<sup>th</sup>

GATHERING SONG: NO. 301 "Let us Build a House" v.5

MOMENT FOR MISSION: What I Bring to the Table

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God flings stars into space and says,  
"See! You are all my children,  
each and every one."

**We come, the stars in the skies,  
the sand on the shore,  
all God's children everywhere,  
drawn to God,  
drawn to love,  
drawn to worship.**

\*OPENING HYMN: NO. 49 "The God of Abraham Praise"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,  
you promise us a life full of blessing,  
but we do not always believe.  
You incite us to hope,  
but we fall back into fear.  
You urge us to give freely,  
but we cling to what we have.  
You call us to watch at all times for you,  
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.  
Forgive us.  
Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,  
and keep us alert to the wonders you work  
in the world every day.  
For the sake of Jesus we pray.  
*Time for Silent Confession*  
**Amen.****

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 767 "Together We Serve" v.4

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*School-aged young disciples are welcome to proceed upstairs to  
continue to worship with engaged hands, bodies, and minds.*

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Luke 3:8 and Genesis 15:1-6

SERMON: "After These Things"

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 686 "God of Our Life"

INSTALLATION OF YOGI GILLETTE

There are different gifts,  
**But it is the same spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,  
**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways,  
**But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,  
**To use it for the common good.**

Together we are body of Christ,  
**And individually members of it.**

#### \*RENUNCIATIONS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

##### QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, members of the congregation, accept Yogi, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to pray for him, to encourage him, and as he works alongside the other active ruling elders, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ,

who alone is head of the church?  
**We do.**

##### PRAYER OF INSTALLATION & UNISON PRAYER

**God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation; give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; so, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

##### DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

##### GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

##### RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

##### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\*DOXOLOGY: NO. 709 "God, We honor You"

##### \*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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*FINAL HYMN: NO. 684 "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

##### \*CHARGE

\*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO: 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

## Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Preacher  
Ellie Cale, Liturgist  
Paulo Steinberg, Pianist

*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 Announcement

**Nurture:** For nurture this week, we will be making our own prayer zines to accompany the prayer beads. If anyone missed making a set last Sunday but would like to do so, we will have the materials available today!

**Open Door's Food Truck Fest:** 8 hours of local food, adult beverages, local music, and vendors! Enjoy family fun, including a kids' zone, and more. Food Truck Fest is Open Doors' single largest fundraiser, 100% of ticket cost goes toward Open Doors' mission. **Food Truck Fest is being held in honor of Larry Barber this year.**

**House Church and Marks Groups:** Next Sunday, September 22, we will have our House Church and Marks Group Calling Sunday, followed by a potluck! If you'd like to bring a side but don't have time to cook, store-bought is always welcome, and ALL are welcome, even if "all" you bring to the table is yourself.

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



## This Week at Trinity - September 15 - September 21

### **Sunday, September 15**

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

### **Monday, September 16**

10:00 am - Enneagram Class	Yoke Room
7:00 pm - Hearts & Hands	Yoke Room

### **Tuesday, September 17**

4:00 pm - Centering Space Meeting	Centering Space
5:00 pm - Fall Yoga Session	Centering Space

### **Wednesday, September 18**

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set Up	Commons
10:00 am - Grief Support Group	Centering Space
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting	Yoke Room
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open	Commons

### **Thursday, September 19**

9:00 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00 am - Backpack Program	Keister Elementary
11:30 am - Grief Support Group	Centering Space
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

### **Friday, September 20**

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 2024

Jason Brown  
Rick Comstock  
Kandy Grant  
Virginia Healy

### CLASS OF 2025

Yogi Gillette  
Mark Dewey  
Mary Lou McMillin  
Susie Phend

### CLASS OF 2026

David Carothers  
Amy Lemmons  
Ginnie Reinhold  
Bob Schminkey



Church Office Hours:  
Mon-Fri 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday  
Kim's Sabbath: Tuesday

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