

**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.*

## March 12, 2023 ~ Third Sunday in Lent

### GATHERED BY GOD IN WONDER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: "Prepare Us, Lord"

Prepare Us, Lord. Give us a humble heart,  
An Open heart that's ready for your love.  
A king once held a wedding feast. The food was all prepared.  
When guests declined, more guests they'd find. "Come dine!" the  
king declared.  
Prepare Us, Lord. Give us a humble heart,  
An Open heart that's ready for your love.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your  
name.  
**You have done wonderful things, plans made of old, faithful  
and sure.**  
For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
**A refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the  
rainstorm and a shade from the heat.**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all  
peoples a feast of rich food,  
**a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of  
well-aged wines strained clear.**

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast  
over all peoples,  
**the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up  
death forever.**

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces  
**On that day it will be said, Lo, this is the LORD for whom we  
have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

\*OPENING HYMN: NO. 333 "How our Hearts with Joy Abound"

### ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,  
We confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
For we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves,  
And apart from you.  
We have turned from our neighbors,  
And refused to bear the burdens of others.  
We have ignored the pain of the world,  
And passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.  
In your great mercy forgive our sins  
And free us from selfishness,  
That we may choose your will**

**And obey your commandments;  
Through Jesus Christ our savior.  
TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION  
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 625 "I've Got Peace Like a River" v. 1

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 45:6-7 and Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON: "Keeping a Place in the Story"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 769 "For Everyone Born"

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

**We affirm that Jesus was born of woman, as is every child,  
yet born of God's power, as was no other child.  
He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced the coming  
of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth.  
In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human  
life are united but not confused, distinguished but not  
separated.**

**Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society  
troubled by the common problems of the world. His**

**knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He  
felt deeply the joy of friendship and the pain of rejection  
Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and  
was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every  
way except sin.**

**Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with  
complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all  
kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant  
dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no  
temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his  
whole being and his neighbor as himself.**

**We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He  
exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the  
new humanity God promises to give us through him.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\*DOXOLOGY: NO. 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" v.3

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN: NO. 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

\*BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 747 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

**Worship Leadership**

Mark Dewey, Preacher  
Rick Comstock, Liturgist  
Eric Ruple, Pianist  
Nancy Hopkins-Garriss, Vocalist  
Rick Comstock, House Steward

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

**Trinity Announcements**

**Guns to Gardens:** All who are interested in helping prevent gun violence are urged to be with us for the second meeting of the Guns to Gardens Marks Group at the church today, March 12, in the Commons at 12:30 p.m.

**Clothes Closet Spring Switchover Day:** Volunteers Needed - Saturday April 1, 2023--9am-12pm. Will include fellowship & fun, working for our community, and pizza & snacks! Go to the What's Happening web page to sign up.

**Grapevine Wreath:** Elly Swecker created a beautiful grapevine wreath for the sanctuary, symbolic of the circle of life, and highlighting the Lenten and Easter themes of death and rebirth. All of the items used are from nature or items Elly already had at home. To see what each piece represents, visit our website.

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



**This Week at Trinity**

**March 12 - March 18**

**Sunday, March 12**

7:45 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:00-11:30 am - Coffee Fellowship	Commons
11:30-12:30 pm - Nurture	Church House & Online
12:30-1:30 pm - Guns to Gardens	Commons

**Wednesday, March 15**

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00-11:00 am - Clothes Closet Set-up	Commons
12:00-1:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting	Yoke Room
6:30-7:30 pm - Church Closet Open	Commons
7:30 pm - Ukirk Meeting	Yoke Room

**Thursday, March 16**

8:30 am - Lectio Divina	Yoke Room
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

**Friday, March 17**

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
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**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

### **Trinity Presbyterian Staff**

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