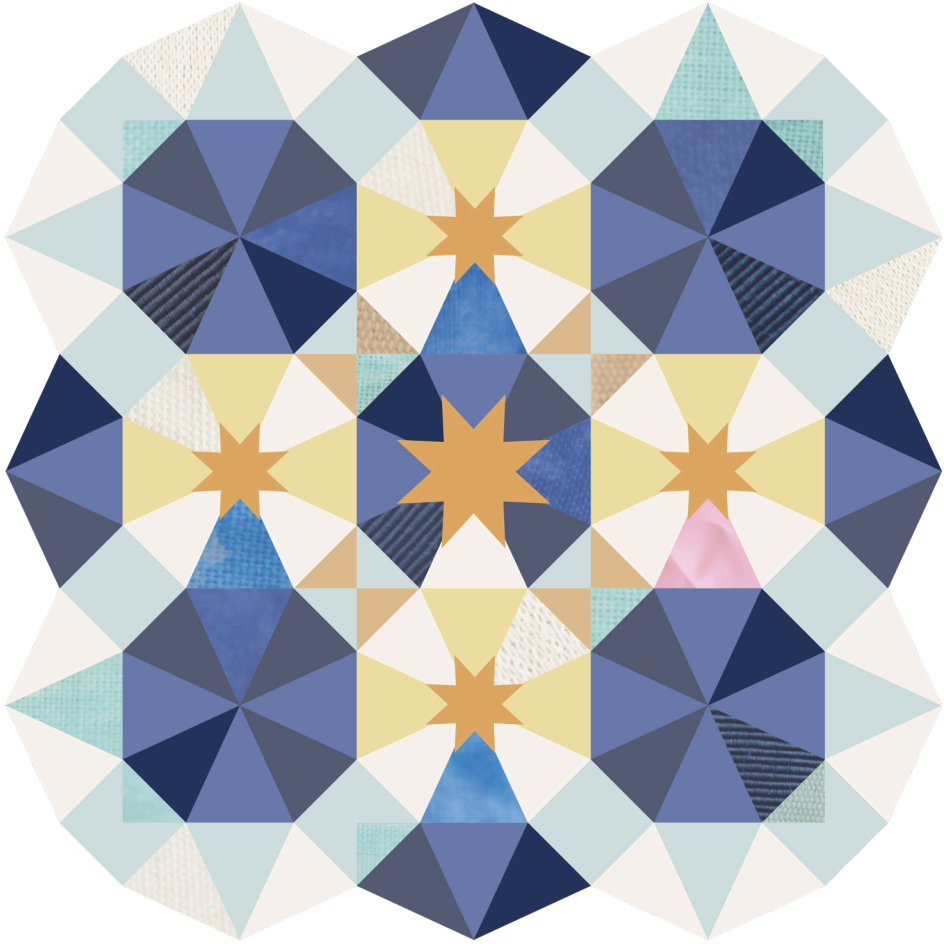


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA



“The God Who Sees”

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.

February 23rd 2025 ~ Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

"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

Ron Radloff - February 23

Sam Healy - February 25

GATHERING SONG: NO. 744 "Arise, Your Light is Come" v.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in – the power of God is in this place.

With gratitude and praise, we come into the presence of the Holy.

Come in – Jesus welcomes all who seek him.

With trust and hope, we come as we are.

Come in – the Spirit of love is here.

With joy we come to worship the One who calls us into life.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 48 "Rain Down"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
you know what kind of people we are.
We judge others harshly
and fail to see our own sin.**

*Invitation to stand

**We look with suspicion and fear,
and neglect to show hospitality to strangers.
We treasure things that are worthless
and squander your precious gifts.
We withhold the grace and love
that you give us so freely.
Forgive us.
Pour out your grace upon us
to save us from our sin. Amen.
Time for Silent Confession
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

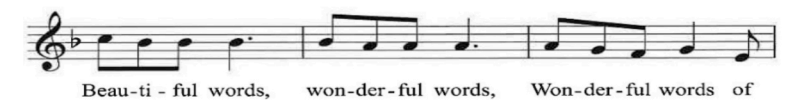
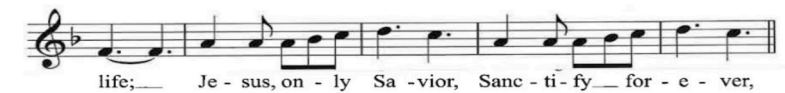
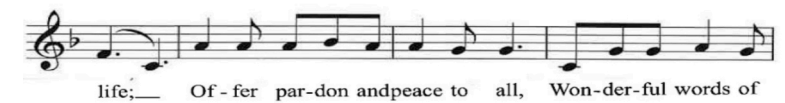
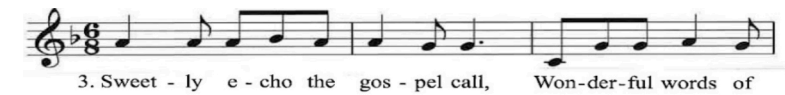
We live by faith in the Son of God
who loves us and gives himself for us.

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*SONG OF RESPONSE: Wonderful Words of Life v. 3



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 103:3-6 and Luke 7:36-50

SERMON: "The God Who Sees"

SONG OF RESPONSE: "Plowshare Prayer" by Spencer LaJoye

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From *The Sarasota Statement*

We, as people of faith, trust that God's transforming Word continuously meets us anew, and so we ... listen for the stories of those whose cries for justice we have disregarded and whose expressions of faith we have refused to hear. We grieve the ways our silence indulges cowardice, justifies irresponsibility, and promotes fear in the face of injustice. ...As those being made new, we partner with Christ in bringing the Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. We insist on the truth and we strive against systemic injustice. We follow Jesus who stands with and for those who are unjustly marginalized and oppressed and calls us to do the same without hesitation. We decry any attempt to co-opt the gospel for purposes of excluding those whom Jesus sought, welcomed, and made his own.

We commit to welcome and protect refugees and immigrants. We condemn hatred and bigotry against those of other faiths. We reject classism and systemic economic inequality. We denounce a culture of violence that brutalizes or alienates bodies on the basis of ability, sexual or gender identity, ethnicity, or color of skin. We work for the healing of our planet from the wounds our own carelessness inflicts.

We trust that God is always at work in our world and in our lives, giving us joy and calling us to be faithful to Jesus' vision of the Kingdom. We commit to continuously rededicate ourselves to this work and strive, with hearty faith, to live this Kingdom on earth, proclaiming: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: No. 609 "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, O God, for the great love that you have lavished upon us in Christ Jesus. Teach us to share this love with others, bringing the good news of your holy realm to all the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*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. 345 "In an Age of Twisted Values"

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 314 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" v. 5 and refrain

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Susie Phend, Liturgist
Paulo Steinberg, Pianist
David Carothers, 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

Mardi Gras Murder Mystery Party: This Saturday, March 1, we will have a Mardi Gras Murder Mystery party! There will be light refreshments. Please RSVP to kim@trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org. Anyone interested will be assigned a character in advance, although all are welcome to attend, eat donuts, and try to solve the mystery!

Exploring Trinity: Are you interested in exploring Trinity? Learning more about the Presbyterian Church? Have you been thinking about joining as a member, or are you just curious about it all? Starting on Sunday, March 9th, and running through March 23rd, Stephanie will be leading an age-inclusive Explorers' class. Whether you're 8 or 98, if you're interested, we'd love to have you there. Email Stephanie to let her know if you are interested, or if you have any questions.

Nurture: Join us for Nurture following worship today as we discuss: "LGBTQIA+ support and inclusion - what is the need? What is our calling?"

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



This Week at Trinity *February 23 - March 1*

Sunday, February 23

7:45 am - Book Study
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship
11:15 am - Nurture

Zoom
Church House & Online
Church House

Monday, February 24

10:30 am - Enneagram Class

Harbor Room

Wednesday, February 26

5:45 am - Lectio Divina
10:00 am - Reaching Out
Book Study
9:00 am - Clothes Closet Set Up
12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting
6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open

Zoom
Yoke Room
Commons
Yoke Room
Commons

Thursday, February 27

9:00 am - Backpack Program
11:30 am - Grief Support Group
6:30 pm - Enneagram Class
7:00 pm - Chess Club

Keister Elementary
Harbor Room
Harbor Room
Commons

Friday, February 28

5:45 am - Lectio Divina
8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness
3:00 pm - Backpack Program

Zoom
Commons
Keister Elementary

Saturday, March 1

9:00 am - CWS Family Workshop
2:00 pm - Mardi Gras Mystery

Church House
Church House



**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

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Linda Bradley, *Clerk of Session*

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