

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.

December 24th 2024 ~ Christmas Eve

PRELUDE

*GATHERING SONG: NO. 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dear God, thank you for sending your love into the world. Help us love others the way that Jesus loves us. In your holy name we pray, amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?
Where do we start?

Let us begin with hope. Let us begin with peace. Let us begin with joy. Let us begin with love.

Yes, let us begin with love, for surely love knows your name.

Today, in addition to the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, we light the Christ Candle.

For surely God is in this place.

Surely the Spirit is near. Surely love knows our name.

May we rest in that good news. Unto us a child is born. A light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Glory to God in the highest heaven! Amen

*HYMN: NO. 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:5-15

HYMN: NO. 109 "Blest Be the God of Israel" v. 2-3

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:23-38

HYMN: NO. 129 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" v. 1

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-7

HYMN: NO. 115 "Away in a Manger" v. 1-3

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:8-14

HYMN: NO. 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" v. 1,3

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:15-20

HYMN: NO. 128 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

HOMILY: "Love Knows Your Name"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that on a night like this one, a baby was born and placed in a manger. We believe that baby was God's love in the flesh, who grew up to love the outcast and change the world. We believe that Jesus' love was so big and so personal that the world will never be the same. So despite the mystery of this holy night, we believe that a star shone,

**that the shepherds ran,
that the angels sang,
and that love was born.
Yes, we believe it when the prophets say
that unto you, unto us, a savior is born.
Glory to God in the highest heaven!
We believe.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Mary Did You Know?"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CANDLE LIGHTING

*HYMN: NO. 122 "Silent Night"

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 134 "Joy to the World!" v. 1

Service Participants:

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Eric Ruple, Pianist
Lizzy Healy, Soloist
Isaac Sorge Wing
Rachel Cale
Elliot Sieck
Malaya Esguerra-Johnson
Micah Sorge Wing
Annie Shank