

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.

January 5th 2025 ~ 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

Ramona Sanders- January 6

GATHERING SONG: NO. 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" v. 2

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dear God,

We are so grateful that you are always with us. There's nowhere we can go, no wrong turn we can take, that will separate us from your love. Thank you for a love like that. Gratefully, we pray, amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

How did you get here?

I walked, eyes looking up, following the star.

I ran, lunging for a love that is bigger than me. Pulpit Side: I tumbled and fell, tender step after tender step.

I ambled like a river, caught up in God's flow.

I crawled, kissing the earth below me.

Tell me again. How did you get here?

I am here by God's grace and love's pull.

Welcome home. This is God's house. There is room for you here.

Let us worship our gracious God.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 151 "We Three Kings"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new beginnings,

**We admit that we often follow the well-worn path,
simply because others have been there before.**

Sometimes this is holy and humble,

but there are days when a new path needs to be tread.

On those new-beginning days, O God,

give us the courage to follow your star.

Give us the courage to go home by another way.

**Give us the courage to kick up some dust and walk in a new
direction for the sake of justice, love, and neighbor.**

**For when you are doing a new thing, we want to have the
courage to follow. With hope in our hearts we wander, we
travel.**

Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Dear travelers,

No matter the roads you've taken,

the steps you've made,

or the paths you've traveled,

there is nowhere you could go

that would land you outside of God's love.

Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**Regardless of the path we travel, of how lost we may get,
or the twists and turns along the way, we do not walk alone.**

**We are loved. We are forgiven. We have every chance to begin
again. Thanks be to God for a love like that!**

*Invitation to stand

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 110 "Love Has Come" v.3

*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: Isaiah 43:16-21 and Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON: "The Road Isn't Straight"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 737 " Lord Jesus, You Shall be my Song"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a with-us God,
a God who is beside us in the mountains and valleys,
holding our hand through every bump and turn. And in the
chaos of our journey, we believe that God sees what we
cannot always see: a path home by another way. Therefore,
trusting in this ever-present and guiding God, we lace up
our shoes. We look for God's fingerprints in the world. We
trust that there are paths still unexplored, paths that God
has only begun to invite us down. And like the Magi, we
dare to follow. May it be so, Amen.**

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 134 "Joy to the World" v. 1

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING STARS AND COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*FINAL HYMN: NO. 152 "What Star is This That Beams so Bright"

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO. 92 "While We Are Waiting, Come" v. 1

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Judy LePera, Liturgist
Bryce Hayes, Pianist
Kandy Grant, 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

Star Words: Today, we will observe Epiphany with the return of "star words." Like the star that guided the Magi to Bethlehem, a star word might serve as a particular focal point for the coming year. Those present can draw a word at random, and anyone who is not present can request a word. It's been a meaningful tradition for many of us, and we look forward to sharing it again!

Meal Prep/Epiphany Dinner: Today from 3-6pm we will be doing another round of meal prepping for the Trinity Community. The theme will be soups and we will be cooking from 3-5pm, then sharing a meal from 5-6pm. Please feel free to join us for any or all of that time in the Trinity kitchen! We hope you can join us for a cozy afternoon of cooking and communion!

Annual Congregational Meeting: We will have our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 26th, following worship. The meeting will be hybrid, both meeting in person and having the option to join in by Zoom.

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



This Week at Trinity

January 5 - January 11

Sunday, January 5

7:45 am - Book Study	Zoom
10:00 am - Hybrid Worship	Church House & Online
11:15 am - Nurture	Church House

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday January 9

9:00 am Backpack Program	Keister Elementary
11:30 am - Grief Support Group	Harbor Room
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

Friday January 10

5:45 am - Lectio Divina	Zoom
9:00 am - Rocktown Wellness	Sanctuary
3:00 pm - Backpack Program	Keister Elementary



**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
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CLASS OF 2025

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

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