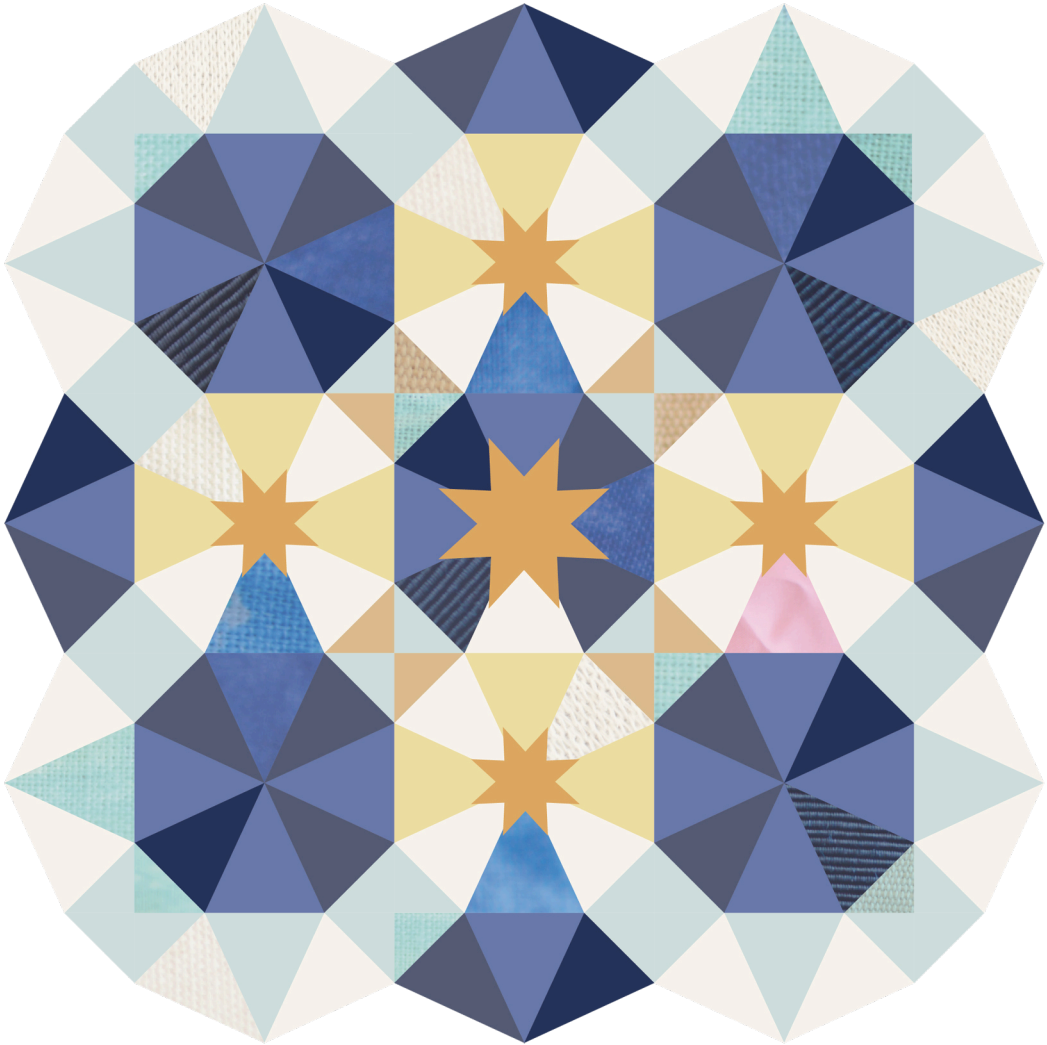


TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA



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 12th 2025 ~ Baptism of the Lord

"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

GATHERING SONG: NO. 744 "Arise, Your Light is Come!" v. 1

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember your baptism!

A sign of God's love for us that never ends.

Remember your baptism!

A sign of our belonging in this community of God's people.

Remember your baptism!

A call from God to change our hearts and lives.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 664 "Morning has Broken"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pour out your love on us, O God,

That we may learn to love a new way of life.

We confess that we have more than we need,

And that we turn away from your instructions to claim less.

We confess that we are caught by the ways of the world

And that we struggle to escape them.

Draw us out into the wilderness, O God, where we can learn your way, free from the powers that seem to control things

**Call us to take care of each other,
to ensure that everyone has enough,**

*Invitation to stand

to see each other as fellow beloved children.

**Open our eyes to your image in the faces around us,
and open our hands to neighbors in need.**

Give us the courage to give ourselves in response to your giving yourself, so that all people may live with dignity.

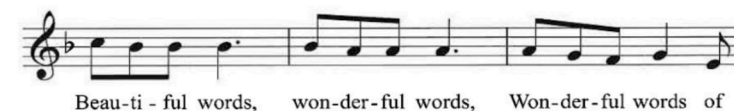
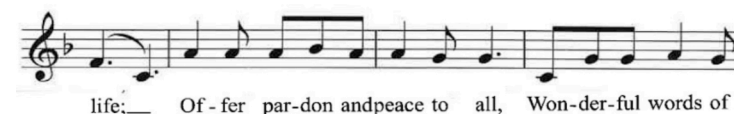
Refocus us on your love, that we may feel its power in our lives and pour it out on the people who live around us.

We ask for this blessing in Jesus' name.

Amen. Time for Silent Confession. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: "Wonderful Words of Life" 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: Psalm 51:6-17 and Luke 3:1-22

SERMON: "Straight Paths"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 164 "Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

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

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Now, I invite us all to stand and join in reaffirming our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed:

*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.

QUESTIONS OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we....

We do.

ORDINATION INSTALLATION AND UNISON PRAYERS

Let us continue to pray together as a church:

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.

CHARGE: Peter 5:1-4

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*FINAL HYMN: NO. 643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*BENEDICTION

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

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Pastor
Mark Dewey, Liturgist
Paulo Steinberg, 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

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.

New Years' Retreat: Centering Space will offer a New Year's retreat for contemplation and renewal on Sunday, January 19 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Plan to join us as we celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King and pray for the incoming political administration. Sessions will include contemplation stations, yoga, dance, Zentangle, and massage. A light supper will be provided at 6:00 to conclude our time together. There is no fee for this retreat, however, you are invited to make a free will offering to cover the costs associated with the retreat. Register at centering-space.org so that we can have an estimate of how many people will attend.

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



This Week at Trinity *January 12 - January 18*

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

10:30 am - Enneagram Class	Harbor Room
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Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday January 16

9:00 am - Lectio Divina	Yoke Room
9:00 am - Backpack Program	Keister Elementary
11:30 am - Grief Support Group	Harbor Room
6:30 pm Enneagram Class	Harbor Room
7:00 pm - Chess Club	Commons

Friday January 17

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

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Linda Bradley, *Clerk of Session*

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Church Office Hours:
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Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday
Kim's Sabbath: Tuesday

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