

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA



***“Knowing Good and
Evil”***

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.

September 8th 2024 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"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. 301 "Let us Build a House" v.1

MOMENT FOR MISSION: What I Bring to the Table

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creation shouts!

The world listens, waits, hopes.

Creation creates!

The garden grows and groans.

God walks, loves, waits...

We come, we seek, we grow, we love, we worship.

*OPENING HYMN: NO. 20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you created us
to live in relationship with you,
to love and serve one another,
and to care for all your creatures.
Yet, we dismiss your commandments
and seek our own path.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Redeem, restore, and re-create us,
for the sake of Christ our Savior.**

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: NO. 767 "Together We Serve" v.4

*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: Luke 11:4 and Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

SERMON: "Knowing Good and Evil"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NO. 22 "God of the Sparrow" v.1, 6

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith*

God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules everything.

We affirm that the universe exists by the power of God's Word and Spirit. God has chosen to give it reality out of the love we have come to know in Christ. God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it.

We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe as well as in apparently random happenings. There is no event from which God is absent and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving. That purpose embraces our choices and will surely be accomplished. The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY: NO. 709 "God, We honor You"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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: "This is God's Wondrous World"

This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the wonders
wrought.

This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass, God's voice speaks
everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler
yet.

This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring: God reigns, let earth be
glad!

*CHARGE

*SUNG BENEDICTION: NO: 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" v.1

Worship Leadership

Stephanie Sorge, Preacher

Virginia Healy, Liturgist

Bryce Hayes, Pianist

*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 Announcement

Nurture: Today, we will enter the Harvest season with an intergenerational Nurture activity of making prayer beads. Next Sunday, September 15th, the Nurture activity will be making "zines," or homemade publications, about crafting and using prayer beads in worship.

Shenandoah Valley Pride is Back!: Trinity will have a booth on Court Square Saturday, September 21 from 1 pm to 5 pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up, break down, and staff our booth during the event. You can sign up with the link on our website, or call the office and let us know you'd like to help!

House Church and Marks Groups: On Sunday, September 22, we will have our House Church and Marks Group Calling Sunday, followed by a potluck!

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



This Week at Trinity **September 8 - September 14**

Sunday, September 8

7:45 am - Book Study

Zoom

10:00 am - Hybrid Worship

Church House & Online

Monday, September 9

10:00 am - Enneagram Class

Harbor Room

Tuesday, September 10

5:00 pm - Fall Yoga Session

Centering Space

Wednesday, September 11

5:45 am - Lectio Divina

Zoom

9:00 am - Clothes Closet set up

Commons

12:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Yoke Room

5:00 pm - Leavitt AMP Music Series
and picnic

Downtown

6:30 pm - Clothes Closet Open

Commons

Thursday, September 12

9:00 am - Backpack Program

Keister Elementary

6:30 pm - Enneagram Class

Centering Space

7:00 pm - Chess Club

Commons

Friday, September 13

5:45 am - Lectio Divina

Zoom

8:30 am - Rocktown Wellness

Commons

Saturday, September 14

11:00 am - Housing Workshop

Commons



**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
Rick Comstock
Kandy Grant
Virginia Healy

CLASS OF 2025

Yogi Gillette
Mark Dewey
Mary Lou McMillin
Susie Phend

CLASS OF 2026

David Carothers
Amy Lemmons
Ginnie Reinhold
Bob Schminkey



Church Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Stephanie's Sabbath: Friday
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