

Tryon Presbyterian Church

May 4, 2025 - 10:30 am

Third Sunday of Easter

Our Mission Statement:

To be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who love God and their neighbor.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND LOVE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

“Improvisation on Adoro Te Devote”

Debra Bridges
Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We glorify you, O Lord, for you have lifted us up.

**O Lord, our God, we cried out to you, and
you healed us.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones, and
praise God's holy name.

**For God's anger is but for a moment, but
God's favor is for a lifetime.**

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes
with the morning.

**O God, you have turned our mourning
into dancing!**

Let us worship God!

†HYMN

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Hymnal Number 69
Tune: HERE I AM (Schutte)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McGrath

**Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love that seeks, suffers,
and survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that
love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do.
We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy
on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others and
ourselves.**

Silent prayers and personal confession

Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE

Hymnal Number 634

“To God Be the Glory”

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus his Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dr. Allan Purtill

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-20 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 127

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“I Heard The Voice Of Jesus”

Hawkins

SERMON

“The Way of Jesus is The Way”

Dr. Allan Purtill

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. - *The Apostles' Creed - Traditional Version*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Debra Bridges
Mier

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Come to the mountain of the Lord.

We come to see God's glory.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God... We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

Beth Bridges
Carter

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

†HYMN

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

Hymnal Number 418

Tune: SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Beth Bridges

Barr

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†The congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit.

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available.

Welcome!

We extend a sincere welcome to everyone who is visiting with us this morning. If you haven't done so, please be sure to pick up a welcome packet from one of the ushers this morning. If you are interested in learning more about Tryon Presbyterian or church membership, contact Rev. Dr. Allan Purtill at RevAllanPurtill@gmail.com or call the church office at (828) 859-6683. We hope that you will find the warmth and love of God in worship today.

Ministry for Children

We welcome all children and infants in worship - they are at home in God's house! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it! We do have nursery care available for children ages 0-2 in "The Manger". Following the "Time with Children", children ages 3-7 are welcome to remain in worship or attend Children's Church in "The Ark". For all other children and youth, we have worship bags available in the Narthex.

Last Light Service

Please join us for our next Last Light service today at 5pm. The theme for the service will be "Seeds of Change" and we will conclude our service by planting our "Garden of Feedin". Let us gather together for the Last Light of the day as we worship with scripture, song and prayer!

Advance Placement (AP) Testing

Tryon Presbyterian Church will be a testing site for Polk County High School students for the next two weeks. Most of the testing will take place from 8 am until noon. Small groups and committees can continue to meet in rooms not utilized for testing. Please be sure to follow the "Quiet Please" signs when testing is in progress.

Faith Seeking Understanding

This summer Dr. Purtil will be preaching a sermon series on questions from you. Do you have a question you would like considered for a sermon? If so, please send it to him by email or write it down and drop it off at the church office. Your name will not be shared. He doesn't have all the answers, but he looks forward to pursuing understanding with you as we engage God's Word together.

Prayer Changes Things

Do you believe in the power of prayer? How about group prayer? There are members of Tryon Presbyterian Church who gather for group prayer monthly, and we would love to have you join us. We pray for our church members, our church staff, the community, the state, the world, and YOU! Please join us this Wednesday, May 7th at 1:30 pm in the Jones Conference Room.

Listening Session

The Music Search Committee invites your input at one of the following listening sessions led by Ken Shull: today following worship in the Fellowship Hall or Tuesday, May 13th at 11:00 am at the Tryon Estates Chapel.

BBQ and Strawberries and Blue Jeans

Wear your jeans and join the TPC family for BBQ and Strawberry desserts! Save the date of May 14th, 5:30 pm, to enjoy fabulous food and fellowship. This is a pre-pay event where reservations are essential to our planning. See a member of the Fellowship Committee in the Narthex after church today. The cost is \$8 per person, children under 12 are \$1. Registration deadline is May 12th.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 4

Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Children's Sunday School - EB

9:30 am Adult Sunday School - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Listening Session - FH

5:00 pm Last Light Service - FH

Monday, May 5

10:30 am Naomi Circle - JCR

Tuesday, May 6

Wednesday, May 7

1:30 pm Intercessory Prayer - JCR

3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - CR

Thursday, May 8

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

Friday, May 9

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Children's Sunday School - EB

9:30 am Adult Sunday School - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

S=Sanctuary; **FH**=Fellowship Hall; **EB**=Educational Building; **JCR**=Jones Conference Room; **CR**=Choir Room; **PS**=Pastor's Study; **TE**=Tryon Estates; **WO**=White Oak

We Remember in Prayer...

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Donna Croft
Emma Pruette
Judy Warden

RIDGE REST - COLUMBUS

Clark Benson

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick
Tom Hogg

WHITE OAK BENSON HALL - TRYON

Lila Corpening

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Ann Covert
(Dot Kennedy's sister)

Holly Muir
(Gail Muir's daughter)

Pitsaporn Prayukvong
(Fran Creasy's friend)

Anne Shue
(Rennie Habel's sister in law)

...our church family and staff

...our partner school, Sunny View
Elementary School

If you would like the church to pray about an illness, surgery, or
need pastoral and congregational care support, let us know
by calling the church office at (828) 859-6683.

Daily Bible Readings For This Week

S	05-04	Isa. 61:1-3; Ps. 90:13-17; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
M	05-05	Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31
T	05-06	Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18
W	05-07	Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11
T	05-08	Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Revelation 5:1-10
F	05-09	Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Revelation 6:1-7:4
S	05-10	Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32

The church expresses Christian sympathy to Gail Cornelius upon the death of her husband, David. He died on Monday, April 28 2025. Please keep Gail and the family in your prayers.

There will be a Memorial Service for Dave at Tryon Estates on Friday, May 9, 2025 at 1:30 pm.



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Monday - Thursday

8 am - 11:30 am, 12:30 pm - 5 pm
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Friday
Closed

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