

Tryon Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2026 - 10:30 am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Elaine Grella, flute and Jane Wilson, piano

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

arr. Dana F. Everson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynnette Sills

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to God, whose majesty is without end,

whose faithfulness is forever,

whose mercy is everlasting,

whose justice is without error,

whose love is constant and true.

Great is God and greatly to be praised.

†HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

Hymnal Number 37

Tune: ASH GROVE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. David Hosick

Gracious God, you are holy beyond all human knowledge. Yet, you are present to us in our wrongdoing. We admit that we cling to you in difficult times but also ignore you when times are easy. We seek your forgiveness but privately wonder if we really need it. We love you, but we love ourselves and friends even more. Some of us are Christians by conviction, but some by convention. None of us is as faithful as we could be. So, correct, reform, and forgive us, we pray.

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

“Lord, Prepare Me”

Hymnal Number 701

Tune: SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Lynnette Sills

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lynn Coombs

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 8:1-5 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 619

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Chancel Choir

Mark Patterson

Elaine Grella, flute and Pam McNeil, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. David Hosick

Romans 13:1-7 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 162

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“You’ve Got to Be Kidding!”

Dr. David Hosick

†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*

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Lynnette Sills

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision"

Elaine Grella, flute and Pam McNeil, piano
Traditional Irish, arr. Bill Holcombe

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. David Hosick

†HYMN

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

Hymnal Number 707

Tune: HALL

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. David Hosick

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Jane Wilson
Henry Purcell

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

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available.

Intercessory prayer is available in the transepts following worship.

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 or greeters this morning. If you are interested in learning more about Tryon Presbyterian or church membership, contact the church office.

Ministry for Children

We welcome all children and infants in worship - they are at home in God's house! 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.

Summer Supper

Please mark your calendar and join your Fellowship Team for **Summer Supper** on Thursday, September 17, at 5:30 PM. Delicious salads and a fabulous dessert are menu items. Chicken nuggets for the kiddos!! Pay in advance is \$10.00 per person, ages 12 and above. Children under age 12 are free.

There will be no take-outs as this is an event to build TPC Family relationships. Sign up in the Narthex or email jacque.headden@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

Life Story Resumes

Mary Sasser will share her Life Story on September 23 at noon at Calvert's in Columbus. Sign up in the Narthex or email jsg138@hotmail.com to reserve your seat.

Acolyte and Worship Leader Training for Youth and Children

All children and youth ages 9 and older who are currently or would like to be acolytes and worship leaders, you are invited to stay after worship September 27, 2026 for training. Learn about what we do and why we do what we do in worship, and how you can help lead our church in our services. Lunch will be provided. Meet in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Training will end at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Lynnette.

Sunday Morning Fall Faith Walks - Intergenerational Learning

September 20, 27 and October 4, 11

Each week we will take short walk at Harmon Field and explore a Bible story as we walk. Using our senses and enjoying what the season has to offer, we will consider what God has to teach us and reveal to us. For more information contact Lynnette Sills.

- Meet in the Narthex at 9:15 a.m.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- You may need a jacket depending on the temperature.

Communion Volunteers Needed

We celebrate Worldwide Communion on Sunday, October 4th. We need someone to direct the preparation of the elements for this special occasion and for the months that follow. This process takes approximately 2 hours per month. Several people are willing to assist, but are looking for your leadership. Will you prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve your Lord?

Please contact Susie Bellamy at sbellamy1943@gmail.com or 828-894-2992, if you are interested or need additional information.

TPC Scholarship Fundraiser

Join us Saturday, October 10th from 2 - 5pm for our Annual Fish Fry to support the TPC Scholarship Program. We are now offering a Grilled Fish option along with the regular Fried Fish and Fried Shrimp. Signup sheets will be in the Narthex. Come out and support a great cause.

Missing Books

There are three new and valuable books missing from our library and they are all Pulitzer Prize winners. They are *March* by Barbara Kingsolver, *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead and *James* by Percival Everett. They are not checked out to anyone; they are just gone. If you happen to find any of them, please return the books to the library. Thank you.

Carolyn Thompson, TPC Librarian

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 13

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 am Parent Meeting/Breakfast - FH

10:30 am Worship - S

6:00 pm Glory Girls - FH

Monday, September 14

10:30 am Naomi Circle - JCR

4:00 pm Lydia Circle - TE

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, September 15

11:00 am Staff Meeting - JCR

3:30 pm Children's Choir - CR

6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous - EB

Wednesday, September 16

2:00 pm Seekers Bible Study - JCR

3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, September 17

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR

5:30 pm Summer Supper - FH

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 am Intergenerational Learning

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

Joanne Alderman
Russell Alderman
Donna Croft
Bill Daniel
Jeanie Daniel
Donald Hawthorne
Rachel Ramsey
Betsy Zeek

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick

CARE OF LAKEWOOD

Esther Taylor

RESTORATION AT WESTGATE

Betty Brewer

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Holly Muir
(*Gail Muir's daughter*)
Rachel Tawney
(*Kim Boswood's daughter*)

...our church family and staff

**...our partner school, Sunny View
Elementary School**

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Sgt. Seth Walker
(*Terri Hendrix's nephew*)

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	09-13	Ex. 14:19-31; Ps.114; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35
M	09-14	Holy Cross
T	09-15	Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:2
W	09-16	Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25
T	09-17	Psalm 105:1-6; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4
F	09-18	Psalm 105:1-6; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
S	09-19	Psalm 105:1-6; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of
God and in love and gratitude for
my son, Paul Childress on
his 46th birthday.

- Margaret Burke



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

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Closed

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