

# *Tryon Presbyterian Church*

430 Harmon Field Road ~ Tryon, North Carolina

December 11, 2022 - 10:00 am

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

## **Our Mission Statement:**

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

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD**

### **PRELUDE**

“What Child is This?”

Makena James

arranged by Johannes Bornlöf

### **BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Allan Purtill

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY**

*On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the Shepherds' Candle. Hear God's joyful Word from Zechariah 2:10–11, in which the Lord declares: “Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you. . . Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you.”*

(Lighting of the third Advent candle.)

*And in Luke 2:8-20 we hear of another joyful tiding:*

**And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”**

*Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.*

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

## †HYMN

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Hymnal Number 106

Tune: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we might need to confess that we have forgotten what this story is about - the story of the birth of Jesus. We have celebrated many Christmas-es, and yet we still need You to turn us around and set us in your ways. May the generosity that drives us this season be present all year. May our hearts, so full of so much, be mostly full of love for you, each other, and for ourselves. Heal us, we pray.

## SILENT PRAYERS AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## †GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymnal Number 581

Tune: GLORIA PATRI

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lynn Coombs

*God of eternity, when the voice of the prophet was silent and the faith of your people low; when darkness had obscured light and indifference displaced zeal: you saw that the time was right to send your Son. Make our hearts ready to hear the Word you are sending this day. Amen.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSV)

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 663

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - A CHRISTMAS STORY

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” - Chancel Choir/Congregation  
Hymnal Number 133

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” - Chancel Choir

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” - Chancel Choir/Congregation  
Hymnal Number 151

“Joy to the World!” - Chancel Choir/Congregation  
Hymnal Number 134

“Still, Still, Still” - Chancel Choir

### CAST

Angels - *Brittany, Viola & Sylvia Meissner, Emma & Riley Meyer*

Mary and Joseph— *Wesley Elam and Marissa Carpenter*

Shepherds - *Mike & Griffin Carruth, Scott Meyer, John, Jesse & Sullivan McGrath*

Wise Men - *Brian Bancroft, Edward Harrelson, Skip Taylor*

Director - *DeAnna Bancroft*

Narrators - *Deanna Bancroft and Allan Zaeske*

*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mary's Song of Praise, Luke 1:46ff

**The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy...to Abraham and to his descendants forever.**

### †DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Number 606

**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

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Come Lord Jesus,*

**And hear our 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.**

## †HYMN

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

Hymnal Number 97

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH

## SENDING OF THE CHURCH

## †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

## †CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

## †POSTLUDE

“Noel Suisse”

Makena James

by Louis-Claude Daquin

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†*The congregation is invited to stand. Those who wish to remain seated are welcome to do so.*

# *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](mailto: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.

## **Update - Annual Stewardship Appeal**

### **Celebrating Faithfulness, A Future of Hope, Year 101**

With pledges still coming in, we have received 77 pledge cards and reached \$285,415 in pledges. Our estimated 2023 “pledge” budget is \$345,000. Everyone’s commitment is needed to help us reach our goal. If you have sent in your pledge card, thank you! If you have not, please do so soon in order that every one of our programs can realize its potential. Thank you for taking the time to consider being a part of what God has called us to do together.

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## **TPC DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

### **TPC Christmas Party**

Wednesday, December 14  
6:00 pm

### **Christmas Caroling**

Sunday, December 18  
4:00 pm

### **Christmas Eve Communion Service**

Saturday, December 24  
7:00 pm

### **Christmas Worship Service**

Sunday, December 25  
10:00 am



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## **Sunday, December 11**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

- 10:00 am Worship - S
- 11:30 am Discussion Group - EB
- 6:00 pm Glory Girls - FH

## **Monday, December 12**

- 10:30 am Lydia Circle - TE
- 2:00 pm Property Committee - JCF
- 3:30 pm Administration Meeting - JCR

## **Tuesday, December 13**

- 11:00 am Chapel/Communion - TE
- 4:00 pm Small Group Training - FH

## **Wednesday, December 14**

- 2:30 pm Search Committee - JCR
- 3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR
- 6:00 pm TPC Christmas Party - FH

## **Thursday, December 15**

- 11:30 am Tryon Rotary

## **Friday, December 16**

## **Saturday, December 17**

## **Sunday, December 18**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- 10:00 am Worship - S
- 11:30 am Discussion Group - EB
- 4:00 pm Christmas Caroling

**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**

**Fran** Creasy  
**Kay** Davis  
**Merle** Greene  
**Woody** Headden  
**Susan** Kelley  
**Amy** Leidheiser  
**Joan** Post

## **WHITE OAK - TRYON**

**Ruby** Ferverda  
*(Terri Hendrix's Mother)*

## **MILLITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Michael** Meissner

## **FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH**

**Debbie** Potter  
*(Mary Potter's daughter-in-law)*

## **MARY BLACK HOSPITAL - SPARTANBURG**

**Hayden** Britton

## **TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS**

**Betty** Chamberlain  
**Mimi** Child  
**Dan** Schutter

## **LAUREL WOODS - COLUMBUS**

**Gerri** Cegielski  
**Penny** Kuether  
**Ruth** Rose

**...our church family and staff**

**... our Pastor and Family**  
Allan, Jenny, Syler and James Purtill

**...our partner church, El Mesias**  
in Flores Costa Cuca, Guatemala  
Maria Luisa Lopez Basilio

## **Daily Bible Readings For This Week**

<b>S</b>	12-11	Isa. 35:1-10; Ps. 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matt. 11:2-11
<b>M</b>	12-12	Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16
<b>T</b>	12-13	Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25
<b>W</b>	12-14	Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matt. 8:14-17, 28-34
<b>T</b>	12-15	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29
<b>F</b>	12-16	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-17
<b>S</b>	12-17	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36



## Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
through His Son Jesus Christ and in loving  
memory of Rev. Wilmer M. Potter,  
William and Janet Potter,  
Newton K. and Rhea Thornburg  
by  
Rev. Mary A. Potter*

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## **Weekly Giving December**

### Weekly Offerings

	<u>Given</u>	<u>Need</u>
12-04	\$ 5,877	\$ 8,064
12-11	\$	\$ 8,064
12-18	\$	\$ 8,064
12-25	\$	\$ 8,064

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## **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

8 am - 11:30 am, 12:30 pm - 5 pm  
(11:30-12:30 lunch hour)

Friday

Closed

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