

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 Christmases, 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 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.

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
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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

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

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*)

...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

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

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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Monday - Thursday

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

Friday

Closed

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