

Tryon Presbyterian Church

September 14, 2025 - 10:30 am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Barbara Tilly, flute

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits.

Who forgives your sins, heals your diseases, and redeems
your life from the pit.

**Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, and
satisfies you with good.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

†HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hymnal Number 65

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We
have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have
not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive us, amend us,
and direct what we shall be.

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

"As the Deer"

Hymnal Number 626

Tune: AS THE DEER

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gail Muir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 130 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 573

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"In His Image"

Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtill

Luke 17:11-19 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 80

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"On Our Way to Being Well"

Dr. Allan Purtill

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My years have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember as I pour out my soul...Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

LITANY PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING OF OIL

Any who wish for the laying on of hands and anointing of oil are invited to come to one of the prayer stations for prayer. The oil is an ancient Biblical symbol of the wholeness God desires to bring.

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

OFFERTORY

"Brethren We Have Met to Worship"

Jane Wilson
Donald Hustad

†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

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

†HYMN

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

Hymnal Number 796
Tune: LAND OF REST

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

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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. We hope that you will find the warmth and love of God in worship today. **Our next joining day is Sunday, September 28.**

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.

Focus Group On Affordable Housing

Michael Meissner is leading a project for his doctoral work on affordable housing in Polk County. He is hosting a session today following worship in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be provided along with a drawing for gift cards.

Presbyterian Women Fall Luncheon

Join the Presbyterian Women for a fall lunch on Wednesday, September 17th from 12-2pm. Our speaker is Linley Foster, Polk County Schools Social Worker. Please come and learn about her work and the challenges she faces in our schools. A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex. We hope you can join us!

Shepherd Ministry

If you are planning to be a part of our new Shepherd Ministry, please join us for **one** of the following training sessions: Sunday, September 28 after worship, Monday, September 29 at 11:00 am and Tuesday, September 30 at 1:00 pm. All three meetings will be in the Jones Conference Room. Please contact Lynnette Sills at lrj.sills52@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Our Church Makes Advances in Accessibility and Inclusion

In early 2023, I was asked to chair the Disability Accessibility and Inclusion Task Force with the goal of evaluating the church campus, programs and worship to make recommendations and ensure Tryon Presbyterian is welcoming and inclusive to all. I was joined by a passionate and caring group of church members who inspired me and worked lovingly to make sure our church set a new standard of inclusiveness. We did an audit of the church campus, raised awareness with church staff, elders and members, invited speakers to help us learn, and championed projects that included accessibility.

At our last meeting on August 12, the DA&I Task Force voted to discontinue meeting. Our work is finished, but we will still be available to consult as needed. We happily realized that the Tryon Presbyterian of today is a church that embraces accessibility and inclusion when planning projects, and with fellowship, worship and outreach. What a joy to see this in action!

Disability, accessibility and inclusion should not be something extraordinary. The church is one place where people should feel welcomed and experience belonging. Our differences are what God planned for us.

Thank you to everyone who makes Tryon Presbyterian Church a welcoming community of faith and my personal thank you to Rev. Allan Purtill and the members of the DA&I Task Force: MaryAnn Sloan, Secretary; Jon Austin, Doug Clark, Lynette Fisher, Amy McGrath, Ken Shull, Sandy Sibley and Gloria Underwood.

Susan Woodcock

Music Notes

The Choir anthem today, *The Image of God*, is based on Psalm 139 and reminds us that we are all created in God's image, uniquely gifted for His own plan and purpose.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship - S

5:00 pm Glory Girls - FH

Monday, September 15

11:00 am Long Term Recovery Group - FH

1:00 pm Worship Committee - JCR

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

6:00 pm Community Chorus Meeting - JCR

Tuesday, September 16

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - CH

Wednesday, September 17

12:00pm PW Fall Luncheon - FH

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, September 18

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

1:00 pm Congregational Care Committee - JCR

2:00 pm Property Meeting - JCR

Friday, September 19

Saturday, September 20

Sunday, September 21

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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
Betsy Zeek

RIDGE REST - COLUMBUS

Clark Benson

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick
Tom Hogg

LAURELWOODS - COLUMBUS

Lila Corpening

CARE OF LAKEWOOD

Esther Taylor

RESTORATION AT WESTGATE

Betty Brewer

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Emily Helmick
(*Janet Gilchrist's sister*)

Holly Muir
(*Gail Muir's daughter*)

Anne Shue
(*Rennie Habel's sister in law*)

Marks Speight
(*Charlie Speight's son*)

...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	09-14	Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; Ps. 14; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
M	09-15	Psalms 94; Jeremiah 5:1-17; 1 Timothy 1:18-20
T	09-16	Psalms 94; Jeremiah 5:18-31; 2 Peter 3:8-13
W	09-17	Psalms 94; Jeremiah 14:1-10, 17-22; Luke 22:31-33
T	09-18	Psalms 79:1-9; Jeremiah 12:14-13:11; Romans 3:1-8
F	09-19	Psalms 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:1-13; Romans 8:31-39
S	09-20	Psalms 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:14-17, 9:2-11; Mark 12:41-44

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in thankful service to our Disability, Accessibility and Inclusion Task Force whose ministry has made the church a more welcoming and inclusive community in Christ.



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Friday
Closed

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