

Tryon Presbyterian Church

April 27, 2025 - 10:30 am

Second 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

“Easter Hymn”

Debra Bridges

Hill

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Joyful is the sound we make this morning.

For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

Thankful is the song we sing.

For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

What is this day?

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us worship God!

†HYMN

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

Hymnal Number 254

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Graciously, you seek us out, even when we close our hearts to you. We can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don't notice, that you aren't even present. Correct our vision and change our hearts through your transforming grace.

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

“To God Be the Glory”

Hymnal Number 634

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

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children’s Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Martin Gilchrist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 2 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 489

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Chancel Choir

Friedell

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtill

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 115

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Reasonable Doubt”

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*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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

OFFERTORY

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Debra Bridges
Callahan

†DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal Number 606
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection!”

Hymnal Number 233
Tune: LANCASHIRE

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Toccatina on The Strife is O'er”

Stanton

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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.

Men's Bible & Breakfast

Please join us for our Men's Bible & Breakfast on Thursday, May 1st at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy a hot breakfast, fellowship and a devotional led by Pastor Mike Carruth.

Tryon Presbyterian Women's Spring Luncheon

Please join us for our Tryon Presbyterian Women's Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 3rd from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Our guest speaker is Cathy Rogerson, Foundation Coordinator for The Foundation for St. Luke's Hospital. A sign up sheet is available in the Narthex. Call Lee Lindsay at 864-978-7331 if you have any questions.

Last Light Service

Please join us for our next Last Light service on Sunday, May 4, 2025 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!

Listening Session

The Music Search Committee invites your input at one of the following listening sessions led by Ken Shull: Sunday, May 4th following worship in the Fellowship Hall or Tuesday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Tryon Estates Chapel.

The Ivy Hills Lane Small Group

Our small group will begin meeting again on Monday, May 5 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. This weekly group already has 9 “seekers,” but would enjoy welcoming two to three more people who wish to not only discuss God’s word, but also form a closer relationship with other church members. For more information, please contact Susan Speight, 803-429-6242 or scspeight@windstream.net.

Ken Shull's World-Famous BBQ and our annual Strawberry Social

If you enjoyed the Palm Sunday Brunch, do we have an encore for you! Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 14th, at 5:30 PM so you can join your TPC family for our annual BBQ and Strawberry Social. This is by far our most popular event. You can make a reservation and pay in advance for this special occasion in the Narthex following church services on April 27th, May 4th, or May 11th. The price is \$8.00 per adult (12 and above). \$1.00 for children under 12. Reservations are required before noon, May 12th (take outs will not be available).

New Inspirational Books in the TPC Library

Come check out our new selection of inspirational books by authors such as Eugene Peterson, Jimmy Carter, Mitch Albom and Dr. Martin Luther King. These new titles are located on the table in the library. Please come to the library to browse, check them out and enjoy.

May Birthdays

1st - MaryAnn Sloan
3rd - Eric Harrelson
6th - Janet Gilchrist
9th - John Hendrix
10th - Scott Meyer
18th - Petra Harrelson
19th - Megan Flood
21st - Kristy Morrow
26th - Ben Woodward
29th - Ellen Jones
30th - Grover Croft
31st - Jimmy Deal

May Anniversaries

1st - Terry & Faye Moore
4th - Robert & Lynette Conrad
5th - Bob & Susan Penfold
12th - Leslie & Gayle Casterline
13th - Steve & Elizabeth Habel
14th - Martin & Janet Gilchrist
18th - Charlie & Susan Speight
19th - Bruce & Lisa Rome
21st - Eric & Molly Dunn
24th - Richard & Lynn Coombs
24th - Ken & Heidi Shull

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 27

Second Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Children's Sunday School - EB

9:30 am Adult Sunday School - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

Monday, April 28

3:30 pm Co-Team Meeting - FH

Tuesday, April 29

2:00 pm Disability/Accessibility Meeting - JCR

Wednesday, April 30

2:00 pm Search Committee - JCR

3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - CR

Thursday, May 1

8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast - FH

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

12:00 pm PW Spring Luncheon - FH

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

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

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| S 04-27 | Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 109:21-31; Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5; John 5:1-9 |
| M 04-28 | Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20 |
| T 04-29 | Psalm 122; Esther 8:1-17; Revelation 2:8-11 |
| W 04-30 | Psalm 122; Esther 9:1-5, 18-23; Luke 12:4-12 |
| T 05-01 | Psalm 30; Isaiah 5:11-17; Revelation 3:14-22 |
| F 05-02 | Psalm 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:1-11 |
| S 05-03 | Psalm 30; Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14 |

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory
of God and in memory of
Pope Francis*

- Anne Fitz



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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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