

# *Tryon Presbyterian Church*

March 15, 2026 - 10:30 am

## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*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**

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Jane Wilson  
Johann Cruger, arr. W. Taylor

##### **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

“Welcome Song”

Children’s Choir  
Toni Sullivan

##### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Lynnette Sills

##### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Charlie Fisher

##### **†CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Isaiah 55

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

**and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!**

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

**Why do you spend your money for that which does not satisfy?**

Incline your ear, come to me; listen, so that you may live!  
Seek the Lord.

##### **†HYMN**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymnal Number 475  
Tune: NETTLETON

##### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung, our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day. Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives. We scorn those who are different from us, and relish our own comfort. Once again, forgive us, O God. Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us.**

*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**

“See Ye First”

Hymnal Number 175

Tune: LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Rev. Lynnette Sills

*Children may be dismissed to Children’s Church.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Gretchen Morris

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 17:1-7 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 64

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

“Ubi Caritas”

(Where there is love, God is there)

Chancel Choir

Victor Johnson

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

John 19:28-29 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 114

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Thirst for Living Water”

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*

## **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**

### **OFFERTORY**

"Our Blessed Savior Seven Times Spoke"

Jane Wilson  
Johann Pachelbel

### **†DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606  
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

### **†PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **†HYMN**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hymnal Number 223  
Tune: HAMBURG

## **SENDING OF THE CHURCH**

### **†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Dr. Allan Purtil

### **†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD**

### **POSTLUDE**

"Auf Meinen Lieben Gott"

Jane Wilson  
Georg Bohm

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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.

## 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.

## Life Story: Take 2

Let's try this again.... Rachel Ramsey had to cancel her story in February but is on schedule for Wednesday, March 18! Join members of TPC at Calvert's Restaurant at noon. Contact Janet Gilchrist at [jsg138@hotmail.com](mailto:jsg138@hotmail.com) or call her at (803) 378-3221 to make your reservation.

## Dates to Remember

The Tryon Presbyterian Children's Choir will sing **March 29th** (Palm Sunday) and **April 12th**.

The Tryon Presbyterian Bell Choir will be ringing (for the first time!) on **March 22nd**.

## Music Notes

We welcome our Children's Choir "*The Joy Singers*" to worship this morning! Members of the choir are; Luna Baughman, Lucy Guerrerno, Kensie Guerrerno, Aubrey Hazelwood, Arzi Ishwar, Shealyn Macaluso, Sullivan Meissner, Viola Meissner, Sylvia Meissner, Elizabeth Peek, Analise Yoder.

## **Missions: Taiwan Partership**

On Sunday March 22nd, the Missions Committee is hosting a free light lunch in the Fellowship Hall for Rev. John McCall to discuss his Taiwan partnership. Sign up will be in the Narthex.

## **Don't Let Time Run Out...**

Church Directory photos will be made on March 21st and 22nd. We will begin contacting those who have not signed up to schedule a time for you. It is our goal for every family and frequent visitor to be included! You can reserve by contacting Rennie Habel at 828-674-6902 or Janet Gilchrist at 803-378-3221.

## **Palm Sunday Brunch**

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join your church family on Palm Sunday for brunch following the worship service. The cost is \$10 per person. Children 12 and under eat at no charge. Reservations are essential and are available in the Narthex. This is a pay in advance activity with no take-outs. See you there!

**“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way,  
you will fulfill the law of Christ.”**

Galatians 6:2

In May, we will begin a new ministry to, “carry each other’s burdens,” by offering an opportunity for intercessory prayer after the church service. Please give prayerful consideration to being a member of one of the prayer teams. You may select your prayer team partner, or one will be assigned to you. Your commitment will be to serve one or two Sundays each month.

For those called to this ministry, we will have a light lunch and time of training and discussion on **Sunday, April 26**, following the church service.

For more information, please contact:

Susan Speight, 803-429-6242/[scspeight@windstream.net](mailto:scspeight@windstream.net) or,  
Parish Associate, Lynnette Sills, [lrj.sills52@gmail.com](mailto:lrj.sills52@gmail.com).

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## **Sunday, March 15**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

9:30 am Lent Study - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

## **Monday, March 16**

10:30 am Long Term Recovery Group - JCR

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

## **Tuesday, March 17**

10:30 am Missions Committee - JCR

11:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

3:30 pm Exploratory Committee - JCR

4:15 pm Children's Choir - CR

## **Wednesday, March 18**

12:00 pm Life Story - Calvert's Kitchen

2:30 pm Lenten Small Group - S

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

## **Thursday, March 19**

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

2:00 pm Christian Growth - JCR

3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR

## **Friday, March 20**

## **Saturday, March 21**

## **Sunday, March 22**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

9:30 am Lent Study - JCR

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  
Doris Clark  
Donna Croft  
Donald Hawthorne  
Judy Warden  
Betsy Zeek

## TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child  
Margaret Covington  
Camilla Dick

## LAURELWOODS - COLUMBUS

Lila Corpening

## CARE OF LAKEWOOD

Esther Taylor

## RESTORATION AT WESTGATE

Betty Brewer

## FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Holly Muir  
(Gail Muir's daughter)

...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

<b>S</b>	03-15	1 Sam. 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
<b>M</b>	03-16	Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20
<b>T</b>	03-17	Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14
<b>W</b>	03-18	Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34
<b>T</b>	03-19	Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11
<b>F</b>	03-20	Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19
<b>S</b>	03-21	Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53

## Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory  
of God and in thanksgiving for  
Emily and Ashley Helmick.*

by  
Martin and Janet Gilchrist

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Monday - Thursday

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

Friday  
Closed

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