

Tryon Presbyterian Church

May 18, 2025 - 10:30 am

Fifth 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

“Prelude on 1 Corinthians 13”

Janet Kuntz, Flute

Arr. Ron Harris

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God on high!

**Praise God, sun and moon. Praise God,
all you shining stars!**

Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters
and ocean depths!

**Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all
cedars, praise the Lord!**

Kings and all peoples of the earth, princes and
all rulers of the earth, praise the Lord!

**Old and young together; all people praise
the Lord!**

Let us worship God!

†HYMN

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

Hymnal Number 331

Tune: NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God. Lead us to reconciliation as we share your love with your people everywhere.

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

“I Come with Joy” (verse 1)

Hymnal Number 515
Tune: Dove of PEACE

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children’s Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Hereward

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24:1-6 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 502

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“The Gift of Love”

(Janet Kuntz, Flute)

Chancel Choir

Hap Hopson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-35 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 108

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Love The Church”

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

Dr. Purtill

Our God who is in Heaven, blessed is your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day to receive your Grace and forgive us our wrongs as we forgive the wrongs of others. And lead us to your path and protect us from evil for you are the Glory Forever. Amen. - *Written by the Youth Sunday School Class, 2025*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Abide with Us, Our Savior"

Janet Kuntz, Flute
David Cherwien

†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

†HYMN

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Hymnal Number 802

Tune: ST. COLUMBA

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

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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.

New Interim Director of Music and Organist

This morning we welcome Jane Wilson as the new intern Organist and Director of Music. Jane is a member of TPC who enjoyed years of worship leadership in Presbyterian Churches before retirement with her husband, the late Dr. Victor Wilson. We are thankful for her willingness to serve here as we continue our search for a permanent music and worship leader. Jane is substituting today and will officially begin on June 22nd.

New Staff Leadership

We welcome Rev. Lynnette Sills to TPC today as she will minister alongside our staff and the Congregational Care Committee to create a Shepherding Care program and assist in pastoral care. Lynnette is the former pastor at Tryon Methodist Church and is currently serving as the Interim Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry in North Carolina.

Blessing Box

While food assistance programs like North Carolina's Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) help many families put meals on the table, they don't cover everything a household needs. Many essential items - such as paper goods and cleaning supplies - are not eligible for purchase with food stamps. This leaves a critical gap for families trying to maintain clean, healthy homes. These items are always in high demand.

You can help. Throughout the month of June, the Missions Committee is collecting much-needed non-food essentials for the Blessing Box in the Narthex. Items especially needed include:

- Toilet paper and tissues
- Paper towels and napkins
- Dish soap and laundry detergent
- All-purpose cleaners and disinfectants
- Personal hygiene products (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant) including feminine products
- Trash bags and storage bags

Every donation makes a difference in the lives of local families. **Monetary gifts are always welcome.** Thank you for helping us support our neighbors in need with dignity and care.

Thank You to Teachers & Volunteers

On behalf of everyone at Tryon Presbyterian Church, I would like to say Thank You to each and every one of our teachers, volunteers and staff who have helped to make our Children's Ministry a success!

Each Sunday, we have at least 8 Sunday School teachers and Children's Church volunteers that help to nurture our youngest disciples. The love, knowledge and care that they share with our children is a priceless gift to our church family.

Amy McGrath
Director of Children's Ministry

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Children's Sunday School - EB
9:30 am Adult Sunday School - JCR
10:30 am Worship - S
5:00 pm Glory Girls - FH

Monday, May 19

3:30 pm Co-Team Meeting - JCR

Tuesday, May 20

Wednesday, May 21

3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - CR

Thursday, May 22

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - JCR
1:00 pm Rotary Foundation Board - JCR
1:00 pm Congregational Care Meeting - EB

Friday, May 23

Saturday, May 24

Sunday, May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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*)

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

S 05-18	Acts 11:1-18; Ps. 148; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
M 05-19	Psalm 133; 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42; Acts 11:19-26
T 05-20	Psalm 133; 2 Samuel 1:4-27; Acts 11:27-30
W 05-21	Psalm 133; Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-28
T 05-22	Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41
F 05-23	Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8
S 05-24	Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in heartfelt thankfulness for this church and congregation.

- Gretchen Morris



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Closed

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