

Tryon Presbyterian Church

December 14, 2025 - 10:30 am

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND LOVE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

"Silent Night"

Daniel Ellis, oboe

Franz Gruber, arr. Gary Lanier

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Carolyn and Carl Bender

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life".

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing." (Isaiah 35:1-12)

(The lighting of the third candle of Advent)

RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymnal Number 88

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

(congregation sings refrain)

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

†HYMN

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Hymnal Number 132

Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at deserts blooming and the hungry being filled with good things. Your servant declares that the powerful will be brought down and the rich sent away empty. This is good news, but it can be scary. Sometimes we are the powerful, and sometimes we are the rich. Forgive us when we have ignored those whom you would lift up. Humble us and teach us to show mercy, as we have received mercy.

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!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alan Zaeske

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 663

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day"

Chancel Choir
Howard Helvey

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46-55 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 57

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"As Only A Mother Knows"

Dr. Allan Purtil

ANTHEM

"A Christmas Blessing"

Chancel Choir
Phillip Stopford

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

"Vom Himmel Hoch"

Jane Wilson
Johann Pachelbel

†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

"Love Has Come"

Hymnal Number 110
Tune: BRING A TORCH

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Joy to the World"

Buddy Deshler, trumpet
George F. Handel, arr. Jay Althouse

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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.

Glory Girls

Our Christmas party will be today at 5:00 pm at the Livery Pour House, 60 Pacolet St., Tryon, NC 28782.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Just a reminder for anyone participating in the Christmas Pageant: there will be a rehearsal on Saturday, December 20th from 10am - 12pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Caroling Rescheduled!

Attention church family! Christmas Caroling has been moved to next Sunday, December 21st at 4pm. All are welcome to join us for a joy-filled afternoon of singing and pizza!

Come Ring in the New Year With Us!

We are starting a new bell choir at Tryon Presbyterian Church and would love to invite you to join us on Thursday, January 8th at 3:30 pm in the choir room. You do not need to have prior experience, just a love of music and a desire to ring and make a joyful sound in our worship services. Contact Jane Wilson for more information at 610-212-6803 or musicministry.jane@gmail.com

TPC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Advent Study

Sundays, November 30th - January 4th
9:30 am - Fellowship Hall

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 21st
10:30 am - Sanctuary

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 21st
meet at the church at 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Wednesday, December 24th
6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 28th
10:30 am - Sanctuary



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Advent Study - FH

10:30 am Worship - S

5:00 pm Glory Girls

Monday, December 15

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, December 16

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - CH

5:30 pm Session Meeting - JCR

Wednesday, December 17

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, December 18

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

Friday, December 19

Saturday, December 20

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Advent Study - FH

10:30 am Worship/Pageant - S

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

Joanne Alderman
Donna Croft
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

MISSION HOSPITAL - ASHEVILLE

Clark Benson

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick
Sophie More

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*)

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	12-14	Isa. 35:1-10; Ps. 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matt. 11:2-11
M	12-15	Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16
T	12-16	Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25
W	12-17	Psalm 42; Zech. 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34
T	12-18	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Gal. 3:23-29
F	12-19	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Gal. 4:1-7
S	12-20	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 2:7:23-29; 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.

- Rev. Mary A. Potter



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Closed

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