

Tryon Presbyterian Church

January 4, 2026 - 10:30 am

Second Sunday of Christmas

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

Meditation on “Veni, veni Emmanuel”

Jane Wilson

Paul Fey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

The sun shall no longer be our light by day,

nor the moon by night.

For, the Lord will be our light and our salvation

and our God will be our glory.

HYMN

Hymnal Number 152

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright” Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light. Some are seeking it for themselves. Others, like the Magi, are seeking it to find your kingdom. We confess that we have doubted your kingdom to be near. Our doubt led us to be unkind or unjust towards others. Forgive us and help us seek your goodness and light.

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

“Love Has Come”

(Verse 1)

Hymnal Number 110

Tune: BRING A TORCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children’s Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Allan Purtill

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”

Thomerson, arr. Dewar and Forrest

SERMON

“Orienteering”

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*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness”

Jane Wilson

Johann Cruger, arr. Hilderbrand

†DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal Number 606

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Dr. Allan Purtill

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God... We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Dr. Allan Purtill

†HYMN

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

Hymnal Number 159

Tune: KINGSFOLD

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "I Saw Three Ships"

Jane Wilson

Douglas Wagner

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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.

Men's Bible & Breakfast

Please join us for our January Bible Breakfast on Thursday, January 8th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Sunday Breakfast

Our next Sunday Breakfast will be on Sunday, Jan. 11th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us for a morning of fresh hope and possibility for the New Year!

Small Group Study: Heaven

How can we learn the truth about what comes next? The Tuesday Morning Women's Small Group will begin a new, 7 session, video-based study based on Jennifer Rothschild's book, "Heaven."

The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10:30 in the Jones Room at the church. The first meeting of the new year will be on Tuesday, January 13. For more information, please contact Susan Speight, 803-429-6242 or scspeight@windstream.net.

Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for a highly requested Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 24 at 5:30 PM. Sign UP in the Narthex following the service or email Jacque Headden at jacqueheadden@gmail.com. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. This is a pay in advance meal and there will be no take outs.

Calling All Children's Church Volunteers!

Children's Church is a short time during worship consisting of a story, snack, crafts and games. You will never be alone and this time is an excellent opportunity to get to know the youngest members of our church. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Amy McGrath at [childrensministry\(tpc@gmail.com](mailto:childrensministry(tpc@gmail.com)).

Acolyte Interest/Training Meeting

Are you interested in becoming an acolyte? Or would you like the opportunity to acolyte more? If so, please join us for a short meeting after church on Sunday, January 25th. We will go over Acolyting basics and give everyone an opportunity to practice carrying the light of Christ! Contact Amy McGrath at [childrensministry\(tpc@gmail.com](mailto:childrensministry(tpc@gmail.com) with questions.

Lunch & Life Story

Mark your calendar for Wednesday January 21, at 12 noon and join us at Calvert's in Columbus. This is a new opportunity to learn about our members. Dr. Ben Woodward will be sharing our first "Life Story". This is a Dutch Treat meal. Email Janet Gilchrist at jsg138@hotmail.com to reserve your seat.

Sunday Fellowship

Sunday Fellowship needs you! Sign up in the hallway. There are lots of opportunities for 2026. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 4

Second Sunday of Christmas
9:30 am Advent Study - FH
10:30 am Worship - S

Monday, January 5

10:30 am Naomi Circle - JCR
5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, January 6

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB
4:00 pm Children's Choir - CR

Wednesday, January 7

1:30 pm Intercessory Prayer - JCR
3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR
6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, January 8

8:00 am Men's Bible & Breakfast - FH
11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

Sunday, January 11

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
9:30 am Sunday Breakfast - FH
10:30 am Worship - S
5:00 pm Glory Girls - 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

Joanne Alderman
Clark Benson
Donna Croft
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

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 01-04	Jer. 31:7-14; Ps. 147:12-20; Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:1-18
M 01-05	Psalm 72; Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2
T 01-06	Isa. 60:1-6, Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12
W 01-07	Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21
T 01-08	Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; Acts 9:1-9
F 01-09	Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a; Acts 9:10-19a
S 01-10	Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 7:3-17; Acts 9:19b-31



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Monday - Thursday

8 am - 11:30 am, 12:30 pm - 5 pm
(11:30-12:30 lunch hour)

Friday
Closed

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