

# *Tryon Presbyterian Church*

430 Harmon Field Road ~ Tryon, North Carolina

November 27, 2022 - 10:00 am

*The First 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**

### **PRELUDE**

“O Waly Waly”

Dr. Crys Armbrust  
by George Lachenauer

### **BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Allan Purtill

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE**

Meissner Family

*Today, we light the first candle of Advent and think about the hope that is ours in Christ. The prophets wrote of Christ's incarnation long before his birth. As we hear their words, we remember our sin and our need for a Savior.*

(The lighting of the first Advent candle.)

*In Isaiah 40:1–5 we are given these words of hope:*

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out:*

**“In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.**

*And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.*

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

## †HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Hymnal Number 367

Tune: ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor’s needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts. O Come, O Come, Savior of the world.

## SILENT PRAYERS AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.*

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## †GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymnal Number 581

Tune: GLORIA PATRI

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Purtill

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sandy Sibley

*Gracious God, your vision of peace comes to us in sweeping revelations and in tiny signs of hope. Kindle our hearts for your wholeness that comes from knowing your truth. May we not grow weary of waiting. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 631

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Arr. John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Purtill

Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 27

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

“Arriving Any Minute”

Dr. 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.

## †DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Number 606

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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymnal Number 643

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

# SENDING OF THE CHURCH

## †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

# †CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

## †POSTLUDE "Postlude"

Dr. Crys Armbrust  
by Andrew Fletcher

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## **Annual Stewardship Appeal for 2023 Celebrating Faithfulness, A Future of Hope, Year 101**

If you have not yet submitted your 2023 pledge card, please place it this Sunday in the offering plates located in the narthex. You may also postage-mail your pledge card to the church office. We invite you to prayerfully consider and reflect on the ministry you make possible through your financial pledge for the upcoming year. Your commitment helps our Session forecast the action and impact that we will have in the community. Consider thoughtfully how great a blessing your generous financial pledge will be.

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## **Alternate Ushers Needed**

As we approach the season of Advent, we are in need of a few "Alternate Ushers" to help on various Sundays.

Training will be provided by Caroline Brown our Head Usher. All you need to bring is a smile.

Please contact Caroline Brown at 828-817-0094, or [kerrwoodfarm@gmail.com](mailto:kerrwoodfarm@gmail.com)

## Christmas Party

The Fellowship Committee announces our annual Christmas party for Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00 pm in The Fellowship Hall. Featuring appetizers, roast prime rib, baked potato, candied brussels sprouts, sautéed asparagus and much more. Session has authorized for us to bring our own beverage. Please sign up in the narthex no later than December 9th. The cost is \$25.00 per person. - *Pete Bellamy*

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## New Office Hours

Beginning December 2nd

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday - Closed

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## December Birthdays

1st - Donna Lyons

1st - Bruce Rome

5th - Elizabeth Gardner

8th - Allan Pruette

12th - Dennis Hill

12th - Brittany Meissner

15th - Faye Moore

16th - Beverly Brunson

16th - Donald Hawthorne

20th - Brad Hendrix

20th - Barbara Rademaker

20th - Betsy Zeek

21st - Linda Schutter

24th - Olivia Flood

24th - Betty Hill

26th - Ruth Rose

27th - Alexander Harrelson

31st - Jeanie Daniel

31st - Lee Lindsay

31st - Michael Meissner

31st - Rachel Ramsey

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## December Anniversaries

2nd - Art & Caroline Brown

6th - Wayne & Penney Cline

19th - Pete & Susie Bellamy

20th - Bill & Patra Sullivan

31st - Woody & Jacque Headden

31st - Brad & Terri Hendrix

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## **Sunday, November 27**

*First Sunday of Advent*

- 10:00 am Worship - S
- 11:30 am Discussion Group - EB
- 4:00 pm Bible Study - FH

## **Monday, November 28**

- 10:30 am Co-Team Meeting - JCR
- 6:30 pm Community Chorus - FH

## **Tuesday, November 29**

## **Wednesday, November 30**

- 10:00 am Prayer Group - S
- 2:00 pm Search Committee - JCR
- 3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

## **Thursday, December 1**

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

## **Friday, December 2**

## **Saturday, December 3**

## **Sunday, December 4**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

- 10:00 am Worship - S
- 11:30 am Discussion Group - EB
- 4:00 pm Bible Study - 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

Hayden Britton  
Fran Creasy  
Kay Davis  
Merle Greene  
Woody Headden  
Susan Kelley  
Amy Leidheiser  
Joan Post

## TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Betty Chamberlain  
Mimi Child  
Dan Schutter

## LAUREL WOODS - COLUMBUS

Gerri Cegielski  
Penny Kuether  
Ruth Rose

## WHITE OAK - TRYON

Ruby Ferverda  
(Terri Hendrix's Mother)

## MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Michael Meissner

## FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Debbie Potter  
(Mary Potter's daughter-in-law)

...our church family and staff

... our Pastor and Family  
Allan, Jenny, Syler and James Purtill

...our partner church, El Mesias  
in Flores Costa Cuca, Guatemala  
Maria Luisa Lopez Basilio

## Daily Bible Readings For This Week

<b>S</b>	11-27	Isa. 2:1-5; Ps. 122; Rom. 13:11-14; Matt. 24:36-44
<b>M</b>	11-28	Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11
<b>T</b>	11-29	Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40
<b>W</b>	11-30	Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35
<b>T</b>	12-01	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26
<b>F</b>	12-02	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25
<b>S</b>	12-03	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28



## Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of my father,  
Zachary Taylor Reynolds  
by, Lee Heelan*

*The poinsettias are given in loving  
memory of my mother and father,  
Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Tise, Jr.  
by, Linda Lee Reynolds*

## **Weekly Giving**

## **November**

## Weekly Offerings

	<u>Given</u>	<u>Need</u>
11-06	\$ 3,510	\$ 8,064
11-13	\$ 9,365	\$ 8,064
11-20	\$ 6,970	\$ 8,064
11-27	\$	\$ 8,064

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## **Office Hours**

### Monday - Thursday

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

### Friday

Closed

## *Church Staff*

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