

Tryon Presbyterian Church

December 7, 2025 - 10:30 am

Second 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

"The Holly and the Ivy"

Janet Kuntz, flute
arr. A. Scott Watson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynnette Sills

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Samantha, Robert, Aubrey and Catherine Hazelwood

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 wolf shall lie down with the lamb, the leopard with the kid...the cow and the bear shall graze together. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of knowledge of the Lord." (Isaiah 11:6-7, 9)

(The lighting of the second candle of Advent)

RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(congregation sings refrain)

Hymnal Number 88
Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

†HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymnal Number 133
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynnette Sills

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your peaceful kingdom.

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

Dr. Allan Purtill

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 2

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Janet Kuntz, flute) Robert A. Hobby

SERMON

"Drawn to the Wilderness"

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

“Jesus Ist Kommen, Grund Ewiger Freude”

Jane Wilson
Cothen/Behnke

†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

Rev. Lynnette Sills

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

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

Hymnal Number 97
Tune: ABERYSTWYTH

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Dr. Purtill

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Chancel Choir

Tune: PICARDY

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

POSTLUDE

"Adeste Fideles"

Jane Wilson

Lehenbauer

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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.

TPC Facility Needs and Hopes

The Session is inviting you into a conversation about TPC's facilities as it relates to the growth and changes of our ministry and mission over the years. You are invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship today to share your input and ideas as part of a brainstorming session.

Tryon Family Christmas Drop-in

Final call for our Family Christmas Drop-in on Saturday, December 13th, from 5:30-7:00 PM. We have planned a wonderful family-oriented evening with hot hors d'oeuvres. Please bring a Christmas ornament to decorate our Fellowship Hall Christmas tree and a canned good to support the Blessing Box ministry. ***While there is no cost for this event, reservations are essential.*** Reservation deadline is Wednesday, December 10th. Please sign up in the Narthex or email Jacque Headden at jacque.headden@gmail.com.

TPC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Advent Study

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

TPC Family Christmas Drop-In

Saturday, December 13th
5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 14th
meet at the church at 4:00 pm

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 21st
10:30 am - Sanctuary

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 7

Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Advent Study/Sunday Breakfast - FH

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Facilities Discussion - FH

Monday, December 8

4:00 pm Lydia Circle - TE

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

6:30 am Community Chorus - FH

Tuesday, December 9

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

11:00 am Chapel/Communion - TE

4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - CH

Wednesday, December 10

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, December 11

10:30 am Membership Committee - JCR

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

1:00 pm Congregational Care - JCR

Friday, December 12

Saturday, December 13

5:30 pm Drop In Christmas Party - FH

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Advent Study - FH

10:30 am Worship - 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
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	12-07	Isa. 11:1-10; Ps.72:1-7, 18-19; Rom.15:4-13; Matt. 3:1-12
M	12-08	Psalms 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thess. 4:1-12
T	12-09	Psalms 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21
W	12-10	Psalms 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37
T	12-11	Psalms 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10
F	12-12	Psalms 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18
S	12-13	Psalms 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory of
God and to the treasured memories
of Cinderella Lloyd, Zereta Lloyd.
and Merle Greene*

*by
Stephanie Greene*



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Closed

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