

Tryon Presbyterian Church

February 22, 2026 - 10:30 am

First Sunday in Lent

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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Jane Wilson
Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy McGrath

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are the body of Christ, and we depend on
God’s grace.

We pray to God in times of distress.

We know that we are free from sin and preserved
from trouble.

**We pray for God’s steadfast love to surround
those who trust in the Lord.**

We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy.

May God be gracious unto us.

†HYMN

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Hymnal Number 415
Tune: RESTORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McGrath

**Merciful One, we are easily tempted. We turn away from your word
so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort,
inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols,
dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding
place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you:
forgive our sins.**

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

“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me” (Refrain)

Hymnal Number 71

Tune: FIRST SONG

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

Psalm 32 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 506

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Chancel Choir

Gilbert Martin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:39-43 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 89

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“This Isn’t All There Is”

Rev. Lynnette Sills

†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*

PRAYER 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

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Jane Wilson
Arr. Albert Zabel

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Hymnal Number 215
Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Lynnette Sills

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Christ lag in Todesbanden"

Jane Wilson
J.S. Bach

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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.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive

What do peanut butter and jelly do around the campfire? They tell "bread-time" stories! During the month of February, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly to stock our Blessing Box. Help us to show love for our neighbors with these simple, nutritious pantry staples.

Lenten Small Group: Starts February 25th

"I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

We know these words of Jesus recorded in Matthew, but we do not always know how to do them. How do we love people we consider our enemies? How do we pray for them? You are invited to spend time considering what these words and directives from Jesus mean and how we might encourage one another in applying them to our lives and our prayer practices.

This group will meet on Wednesdays during Lent at 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Rev. Lynnette Sills will guide us with books, resources and prayer as we turn our attention toward the paths Jesus invites us to walk, leaving behind the things that too often hinder our journey.

Life Story

Rachel Ramsey will be sharing her "Life Story" on Wednesday, February 25 at noon! Join us at Calvert's in Columbus for a dutch treat meal and to learn about Rachel's life. Please contact Janet Gilchrist at jsg138@hotmail.com or 803-378-3221 to reserve your space.

PW Chili Cook Off

The Presbyterian Women are hosting a Chili Cook Off on Saturday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy delicious chili, potato soup, salad and desserts. Kids 12 and under eat free, and adults are \$10.00. The winning chef will receive an engraved spoon and their name added to the plaque that hangs in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this tasty night of food and fellowship! Chili entry forms and guest signup sheets are available in the Narthex.

Save the Date

Pictures for a new Church Directory will be made on Saturday, March 21st and Sunday, March 22nd following worship. Sign up for a time slot today in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a sitting fee of \$10.

Free Books!

Are you looking for a new book to read? Be sure to check out the library cart outside of the office. All books are free - take as many as you would like!

March Birthdays

6th - Lila Corpening

8th - Kim Boswood

8th - Riley Meyer

11th - Gail Wilson

12th - Ann Denton

16th - Jon Austin

17th - Mark Hereward

19th - Rennie Habel

20th - Margaret Covington

20th - Rebecca Searcy

22nd - Lee Heelan

26th - Delores Brinson

26th - Richard Kennedy

27th - Lynette Conrad

27th - Allyson Meyer

28th - Caroline Brown

31st - Sullivan McGrath

March Anniversaries

16th - Ben & Martha Miller

16th - Hank & Sandy Sibley

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 22

First Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Lent Study/Breakfast - FH

10:30 am Worship - S

Monday, February 23

3:30 pm Co-Team Meeting - JCR

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, February 24

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

12:00 pm Staff Meeting - JCR

4:15 pm Children's Choir - CR

5:30 pm Session Meeting - JCR

Wednesday, February 25

12:00 pm Life Story - Calvert's Kitchen

2:30 pm Lenten Small Group - S

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Old Testament Discussion - FH

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, February 26

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR

Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28

Sunday, March 1

Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Lent Study - JCR

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

Joanne Alderman
Donna Croft
Donald Hawthorne
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick

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)

...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	02-22	Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11
M	02-23	Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18
T	02-24	Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10
W	02-25	Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matt. 18:10-14
T	02-26	Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7
F	02-27	Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31
S	02-28	Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Sylvia's 7th birthday, given by her mother, father, sister, and brothers.

- Michael and Brittany Meissner



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Closed

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