

Tryon Presbyterian Church

May 3 2026 - 10:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Jane Wilson

August Lemke/arr. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight, and on him we build our lives.

**We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts,
for we have been called out of darkness and into the light.**

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

†HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

Hymnal Number 634

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, our way, truth, and life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life.

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

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Hymnal Number 591

Tune: HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Lynnette Sills

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Allan Purtil

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:1-10 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 233

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Grace”

Chancel Choir; Pam McNeil, piano

arr. Mark Haynes

SERMON

“The Beloved Stones”

Dr. Allan Purtil

†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

“Pastorale on Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”

Jane Wilson
John Behnke

†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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Rev. Lynnette Sills

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dr. Allan Purtill

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

Rev. Lynnette Sills

†HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Hymnal Number 546

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Allan Purtil

†CARRYING CHRIST’S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“How Firm A Foundation”

Jane Wilson

arr. Hopson

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†The congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit.

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available.

The giving of our tithes and offerings is an expression of our gratitude for God's grace. The giving of our gifts also symbolizes the offering of ourselves to love and serve as Christ's body. Offering plates are located in the narthex. Gifts may also be made online through the website or by scanning the code below.



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 or greeters 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

Gentlemen of the church and community, please join us Thursday, May 7th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly Men's Bible Breakfast. Come enjoy good food, fellowship and most importantly our devotional by Rev. Mike Carruth.

May Study

Where are the words of the Prophets? Not always popular but always true, the words of the prophets are often found on the periphery of society. Though they roar, their words are often ignored by their intended audience. Come and delve into the prophet Amos with Dr. Allan Purtill on Sundays in the month of May at 9:30 am in the Jones Conference Room. There will be pre-school childcare and Faith Formation activities for children and youth.

Come N' Git It!

The Spread: BBQ & Strawberry Social **The Roundup:** Wednesday, May 13 at 5:30 pm. **The Damage:** \$10 for adults; little buckaroos (12 & under) eat free! **Sign up & pay ahead** in the Narthex. **No takeouts** - stay and sit a spell with the cowboys. **Boots and jeans** are encouraged but not required.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Bible Study - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

Monday, May 4

10:30 am Naomi Circle - JCR

4:00 pm Cook Team - JCR

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, May 5

12:00 pm Staff Meeting - JCR

3:00 pm Exploratory Meeting - JCR

Wednesday, May 6

1:30 pm Intercessory Prayer - JCR

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, May 7

8:00 am Men's Bible & Breakfast - FH

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 8

Sunday, May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Bible 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
Doris Clark
Donna Croft
Donald Hawthorne
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

Holly Muir
(*Gail Muir's daughter*)

...our church family and staff

...our partner school, Sunny View
Elementary School

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Sgt. Seth Walker
(*Terri Hendrix's nephew*)

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	05-03	Prov. 4:10-18; Psalm 119:9-32; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
M	05-04	Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40
T	05-05	Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56
W	05-06	Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38
T	05-07	Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12
F	05-08	Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38
S	05-09	Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29



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Closed

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