

Tryon Presbyterian Church

August 17, 2025 - 10:30 am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

"On Eagles Wings"

Jane Wilson
Joncas/Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy McGrath

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:1-2

But now thus says the Lord,

He who created you, O Jacob,

He who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you:

I have called you by name, and you are mine.

†HYMN

"How Firm A Foundation"

Hymnal Number 463

Tune: FOUNDATION

(Verses 1, 4, 5 - All, Verse 2 - Women, Verse 3 - Men)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynnette Sills

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us and cleanse us from our sin.

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

“Lord, Prepare Me”

Hymnal Number 701

Tune: SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

COMMISSIONING TO COLLEGE

James Purtill

Congregational Response: God, we know you are with us!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Charlie Fisher

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:12-17 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 109

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“The Lord's My Shepherd” (Brother James's Air)

Summer Singers

Gordon Jacob

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtill

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 226

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SERMON

“The Beloved Community”

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*

PASTORAL PRAYER 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

"Hymn of Promise"

(Linda Clement, Rhonda Collins, Maddie Carter)

Trio

Natalie Sleeth

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Purtil

†HYMN

"I Danced in the Morning"

Hymnal Number 157

Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtil

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

"A Gaelic Blessing"

Summer Singers

John Rutter

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"A Joyful Ode" (Ode to Joy)

Jane Wilson

Phil 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 at 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.

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.

Shepherd Ministry

As we begin our new Shepherd Ministry at TPC, the Congregational Care Committee would like to invite you to attend one of the informational gatherings as we share our vision for it and hear from you about what the congregation needs from this ministry.

If you are interested in learning more, please attend one of the following:

Meetings with the Congregation:

- Sunday, August 17th. After worship in the Conference Room.
- Wednesday, August 20th. 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Meeting with Stephen Ministers:

- Wednesday, August 20th. 1:00 p.m. Rock Sunday School Room.

Please contact Lynnette Sills at lrj.sills52@gmail.com, if you are unable to attend for a time to meet and learn more.

Music Notes

The music for today's service was chosen to the Glory of God and in honor of James Purtill. We celebrate with joy this new chapter of his life at Davidson College.

Mom's Bible Study

All moms are invited to join our Mom's Bible study which will be starting on Tuesday, 9/2 at 10am! Join us for a relaxed time to connect, learn and pray. Children are welcome! Contact Amy at childrensministry.tpc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sunday School Returns!

Sunday School returns Sunday, 9/7 at 9:30am with a Sunday School Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The first Sunday of each month will be a family-friendly breakfast with a group lesson, the other Sundays of the month will be traditional Sunday School with classes for all ages (including adults!). If you want to learn what it's all about (or just want a hot breakfast), please join us on 9/7!

Ladies, You're Invited!

Ready to laugh, connect, and grow in your faith? Join *The Glory Girls* for an inspiring and fun women's Bible study on *Why We Need Girlfriends* by Frankie Sherman! This uplifting study dives into the power of godly friendships and the joy that comes from doing life together. Whether you're new to church or a longtime member, this is a beautiful chance to build lasting bonds and strengthen your walk with Christ. Bring a friend, and come ready to be encouraged! Study will be the second Sunday night of each month beginning on Sunday, September 14th at 5:00 pm. For details or to sign up, contact Terri Hendrix at 864-381-1180.

Children's Choir Coming Soon!

Attention parents, grandparents and neighbors: Do you have a child in your life that may be interested in making joyful noise in a children's choir this fall? If so, please contact Jane Wilson at musicministry.jane@gmail.com. All school aged children are welcome!

Volunteers Needed

Have you ever wondered where all of the excitement goes after the children's sermon? We would love to show you! If you are interested in joining an amazing team during children's church, please contact Amy at childrensministry.tpc@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Shepherd Ministry - JCR

2 - 4 pm Back to School Party - Camp Skyuka

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

10:00 am Missions Committee - JCR

Wednesday, August 20

10:00 am Shepherd Ministry - JCR

1:00 pm Shepherd Ministry - EB

Thursday, August 21

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

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.



We Remember in Prayer...

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Donna Croft
Emma Pruette
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

RIDGE REST - COLUMBUS

Clark Benson

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick
Tom Hogg

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*)

Anne Shue
(*Rennie Habel's sister in law*)

...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	08-17	Jer. 23:23-29; Ps. 82; Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
M	08-18	Psalms 74; Isaiah 5:8-23; 1 John 4:1-6
T	08-19	Psalms 74; Isaiah 5:24-30; Acts 7:44-53
W	08-20	Psalms 74; Isaiah 27:1-13; Luke 19:45-48
T	08-21	Psalms 71:1-6; Jeremiah 6:1-19; Hebrews 12:3-17
F	08-22	Psalms 71:1-6; Jeremiah 6:20-30; Acts 17:1-9
S	08-23	Psalms 71:1-6; Jeremiah 1:1-3, 11-19; Luke 6:1-5

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of James Purtill as he embarks on a new life journey.

- Martin & Janet Gilchrist



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

Friday
Closed

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