

# *Tryon Presbyterian Church*

November 16, 2025 - 10:30 am

Twenty-Third 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** Robert Hazelwood, violin and Jane Wilson, organ  
"Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Amy McGrath

**†CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Lynnette Sills

Come, let us bow down in worship,

**let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**

for the Lord is our God

**and we are the people of God's pasture.**

The flock under God's care.

**†HYMN** Hymnal Number 366  
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Tune: HYFRYDOL

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, forgive our sins and help us walk in your ways.**

*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**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (Verse 1)

Hymnal Number 240

Tune: ALLELUIA No.1

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

### **TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Amy McGrath

*Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Martin Gilchrist

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalms 23 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 501

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **ANTHEM**

“Good Shepherd”

Chancel Choir  
Gwyneth Walker

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

John 13:31-35 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 108

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

“You'll Never Walk Alone”

Dr. Allan Purtill

### **COMMISSIONING OF SHEPHERDS**

### **CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Rev. Lynnette Sills

### **QUESTIONS FOR THE SHEPHERDS**

### **QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION**

Dr. Allan Purtill

Do we, members of Tryon Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our brothers and sisters as shepherds in service to Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Will we support and encourage them in this ministry? **We will.**

### **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Rev. Lynnette Sills

## †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Allan Purtill

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.

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Jane Wilson  
Dale Wood

### †DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606  
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

### †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### †HYMN

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Hymnal Number 802  
Tune: ST. COLUMBA

## SENDING OF THE CHURCH

### †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

"A Clare Benediction"

Chancel Choir  
John Rutter

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

## POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in D Major"

Jane Wilson

Henry Purcell

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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.

## Stewardship: Treasure Hunt for Grace

This a reminder to return your estimate of giving card. You may return them to the treasure chest in the narthex, you may place them in the offering plate, or email Kim in the church office. Thank you!

## Christian Education Interest Meeting

Do you have a passion for teaching? For learning? For supporting? All are welcome to join us for an exploratory conversation about Christian Education at TPC on Sunday, November 23rd after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Help us discern our church's call and plan for a new year of educational opportunities! Contact Amy McGrath at [childrensministry.tpc@gmail.com](mailto:childrensministry.tpc@gmail.com) with questions.

## **Advent Study**

Longing for hope in a word of uncertainty? Starting Sunday, November 30th at 9:30 a.m., a new study will begin entitled "Will to Dream" highlighting God's dream for a new world from Isaiah's visions to Mary's song and onto the journey of the magi. Please contact Amy McGrath by November 23rd if you need childcare.

## **Save the Date**

**Saturday, December 13:** "Tryon Family Christmas Drop-In" from 5:30-7:00 pm for the entire family. This event is free.... more details to come.

## **Matthew 25 Drive**

Attention church family - we need your help! We will be collecting several items during November to serve just a few of the many needs in our community. We will be collecting new and gently used coats (for all ages) for Polk Referral Center, canned goods for bagged meals (see list in narthex) to support our blessing box, and personal hygiene items for adult DSS clients. Just like Jesus taught us in Matthew 25, help us to clothe, feed and care for the least among us!

*\*All donations will be collected in the Narthex through November 30, 2025.*

## **Blessing Box**

During the month of November, we will be collecting food items for the Blessing Box to support those in need this winter. Your generous donations of the following items will make a big difference: canned meats, canned pasta, canned stews and soups, cereals, crackers, and bread. Thank you for your kindness and support!

## **Music Notes**

Today's anthem has been chosen for today's Commissioning of the new Shepherd Ministry at Tryon Presbyterian. Written by award winning composer, Dr. Gwyneth Walker, a retired faculty member of Oberlin College Conservatory. It is based on the hymn, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*. Musical lines have also been chosen from the breastplate of Saint Patrick: God before Me. God behind me. God above me. The intent of the text is to speak of God's guiding presence as our Good Shepherd.

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## **Sunday, November 16**

*Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Shepherd Meeting - FH

## **Monday, November 17**

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

6:30 pm Community Chorus - FH

## **Tuesday, November 18**

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

10:00 am Missions Committee - JCR

4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - CH

5:30 pm Session Meeting - JCR

## **Wednesday, November 19**

2:00 pm Seekers Bible Study - JCR

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

## **Thursday, November 20**

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

1:00 pm Rotary Board Meeting - JCR

5:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinner - FH

## **Friday, November 21**

## **Saturday, November 22**

10:00 am Girl Scouts - FH

## **Sunday, November 23**

*Christ the King Sunday*

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  
Clark Benson  
Donna Croft  
Nancy Rose  
Judy Warden  
Betsy Zeek

## **TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS**

Mimi Child  
Margaret Covington  
Camilla Dick  
Tom Hogg  
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**

<b>S</b>	11-16	Mal. 4:1-2a; Ps. 98; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
<b>M</b>	11-17	Psalms 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; Ephesians 4:25-5:2
<b>T</b>	11-18	Psalms 76; Isaiah 66:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
<b>W</b>	11-19	Psalms 76; Isaiah 66:14-24; Matthew 23:37-24:14
<b>T</b>	11-20	Psalms 46; 2 Chronicles 18:12-22; Hebrews 9:23-28
<b>F</b>	11-21	Psalms 46; Zechariah 11:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9
<b>S</b>	11-22	Psalms 46; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17

## Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory  
of God and in loving memory of  
our son, Michael Matthew Brown.*

*- Art & Caroline Brown*



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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

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