

Tryon Presbyterian Church

July 20, 2025 - 10:30 am

Sixth 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

"Fantasia"

Jane Wilson
Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy McGrath

†CALL TO WORSHIP

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,
so God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,
so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,
so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.
**Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

†HYMN

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Hymnal Number 802
Tune: ST. COLUMBA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy McGrath

God of grace and mercy, we come to you as your people, aware of the ways we fail to be who you gifted and created us to be. We come as people who take what we have for granted, who grumble about what we lack, who squander your bounty while giving little thought to those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. In this time we have come together to worship, accept our thanksgiving, teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life. May we truly live as your people in service to all.

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

Hymnal Number 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” Tune: GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

August Buckmaster

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:2-4 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 672

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Offertory”

Summer Singers

John Ness Beck

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Lynnette Sills

Psalms 23 (KJV)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no

evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me [5](#) Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. [6](#) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Why?”

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*

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

“All I Can Do Is Praise”

Joshua Farrier, tenor

Daniel Barta

†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

†HYMN

"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

Verse 1 - Joshua Farrier
Verses 2 & 3 - Congregation

Hymnal Number 775
Tune: WALK WITH ME

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Sills

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Hornpipe"

Jane Wilson
George F. Handel

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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.

Faith Seeking Understanding

We are in the middle of a sermon series addressing various questions from the congregation. This week, Rev. Lynnette Sills seeks to answer one member who asked, "Where is God in the midst of human pain and suffering? Why do bad things happen to good people?" Next week, Dr. Purtill will address, "How do we really trust God?"

Church Name Tags

Friendly reminder: please remember to wear your name tag. We have new staff members that would love to get to know you by name. This also is helpful for the ushers and greeters to be able to identify newcomers.

If you need a name tag, please contact Kim McPherson in the church office: tpreschurch@gmail.com or Rennie Habel, membership committee chair: efhabel@yahoo.com.

Crayon Drive for Sunny View Elementary

During the month of July, the Mission Committee will be collecting the following items for the students of Sunny View Elementary:

- 24 pack Crayola Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Wide Lined Notebook Paper

There is a large container in the Narthex to collect these supplies. The principal, Mr. Allan, and all the teachers and students very much appreciate all that TPC does for them. Thank you for your donations.

Music Notes

Our first hymn this morning, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, is based on today's scripture text from Psalm 23. Ralph Vaughan Williams paired the lyrics of Sir Henry Baker with the beautiful Irish hymn tune, ST COLUMBA.

Today's second hymn, *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* is a traditional spiritual passed on through generations of enslaved people. Thought to be named after Sojourner Truth, this deeply moving spiritual speaks to our need for Jesus's help and comfort during life's most difficult challenges.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 20

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship - S

Monday, July 21

2:00 pm Fellowship Committee - JCR

Tuesday, July 22

Wednesday, July 23

1:00 pm Congregational Care Committee - EB

2:00 pm Search Committee - JCR

Thursday, July 24

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

Sunday, July 27

Seventh 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

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	07-20	Amos 8:1-12; Ps. 52; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
M	07-21	Psalms 119:17-32; Amos 7:1-6; Colossians 1:27-2:7
T	07-22	Psalms 119:17-32; Amos 8:13-9:4; 1 John 2:1-6
W	07-23	Psalms 119:17-32; Amos 9:5-15; John 6:41-51
T	07-24	Psalms 85; Hosea 4:1-19; Acts 1:15-20
F	07-25	Psalms 85; Hosea 5:1-15; Acts 2:22-36
S	07-26	Psalms 85; Hosea 1:11-2:15; Luke 8:22-25

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Viola Meissner's 8th birthday.

- Michael, Brittany, Sylvia,
Sullivan and Davis



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Closed

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