

Tryon Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2025 - 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Our Mission Statement:

To be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who love God and their neighbor.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

“What Child Is This”

Robert Hazelwood, violin
arr. Robert Hazelwood

WELCOME

Dr. Allan Purtill

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Art and Caroline Brown and Family

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life”.

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For the darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. (Isaiah 60:1-3)

(The lighting of the Christ candle)

RESPONSE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Hymnal Humber 88
Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

†CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Hymnal Number 113

Tune: GLORIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emmanuel, you have given us a gift that we can never deserve. You do not ask us to be worthy. You do not ask us to earn your love. Yet the ways we have fallen short threaten to overtake us. But we know we can come to you, even on this holiest of nights, to seek the forgiveness you offer so freely, grateful for your mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

ANTHEM

“Carols of Joy and Hope”

Chancel Choir
Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lynnette Sills

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 638

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TRIO

“Sleep Little Tiny Baby”

Gayle Casterline, Linda Clement, Sandy Sibley

James Kevin Gray

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtill

Luke 2:1-14 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 58

MEDITATION

Dr. Allan Purtill

SOLO

“Do You Have Room?”

Christine de Michele, soprano
Shawna Edwards

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Lynnette Sills

THE 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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: When we were living in deep darkness, you sent us your light... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Born in a stable, he is our Good Shepherd..., and your holy Lamb...we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

**Christ had died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup... Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Dr. Allan Putill

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

“What Child Is This”

Jane Wilson

Richard Purvis

THE PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Rev. Lynnette Sills

†THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

†CAROL

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

Hymnal Number 122

Tune: STILLE NACHT

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

Dr. Purtill

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World!”

Jane Wilson

Handel/Bach arr. Matt Limbaugh

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

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available.

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! Though we do not have childcare for Christmas Eve, parents are welcome to accompany their children to "The Ark" or "The Manger" if needed.

