

Tryon Presbyterian Church

September 7, 2025 - 10:30 am

Thirteenth 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

"The Church's One Foundation"

Seth Carson, trumpet
Wesley/arr Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CALL TO WORSHIP

There is good and there is wicked in the world.

Lord, help us find the good.

The wicked are perishing. Like chaff, they will not stand before the Lord.

Lord, drive wickedness away with the wind.

The good is like a tree, planted by streams of sweet water.

Lord, let goodness yield its fruit in every season.

Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

Let us meditate upon God's promises from morning into night.

†HYMN

"Great God of Every Blessing"

Hymnal Number 694
Tune: AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mold our hearts into the shape of your love.

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 695

“Change My Heart, O God”

Tune: CHANGE MY HEART

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES (Rising 2nd Graders)

Sullivan McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Allan Purtill

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 720

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Wheel Is Turning”

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*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Lynnette Sills

OFFERTORY

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Jane Wilson

Phil Lehenbauer

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Dr. Allan Purtill

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Lynnette Sills

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Chancel Choir

Anna Laura Page

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Dr. Allan Purtil

†HYMN

"Take My Life"

Hymnal Number 697

Tune: HENDON

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Allan Purtil

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in F Major"

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 Purtil 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.

Music Notes

Our anthem this morning is based on the traditional English melody, FOREST GREEN. Our trumpeter, Seth Carson, has been a frequent guest musician at Tryon Presbyterian. Welcome back, Seth!

Children's Ministry Update

At this time, we will not be able to continue with Sunday School, as we have not been able to find enough volunteers to get us through the fall. Rest assured, we are working to create new opportunities for you and your children to help continue the work of spiritual formation!

911 Remembrance and Cookout

Our 911 Hamburger Cookout was such a success last year that we are doing it again, but **this time** we will include appreciation for those who worked so hard for us during the hurricane and fires!! The TPC Fellowship and Cook Teams will host a hamburger cookout on Thursday, September 11, beginning at 5:30PM. First responders from Polk County will be invited to join us for this special time. Please mark your calendar for this special event. The cost is \$8 for those 12 and above; \$1 for children under 12. Forms are in the pew rack and a member of the Fellowship Team will be available in the Narthex to assist you with your reservation and advance payment. There will be no take-outs.

Focus Group On Affordable Housing

Michael Meissner is leading a project for his doctoral work on affordable housing in Polk County. He is hosting a session on Sunday, September 14th following worship in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be provided along with a drawing for gift cards.

Presbyterian Women Fall Luncheon

Join the Presbyterian Women for a fall lunch on Wednesday, September 17th from 12-2pm. Our speaker is Linley Foster, Polk County Schools Social Worker. Please come and learn about her work and the challenges she faces in our schools. A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex. We hope you can join us!

Thank You!

As we begin our new fall season at the church, I want to express my deep gratitude to the Search Committee, the Session, the Choir, Staff and the Congregation for the incredible welcome and support as your new Director of Music. What a joy and privilege it is to share in a music ministry with you!

In Christ, *Jane Wilson*

Philippians 1:5-7

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 7

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday Breakfast - FH

10:30 am Worship - S

Monday, September 8

Office Closed - Staff Retreat

10:30 am Naomi Circle - JCR

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, September 9

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

11:00 am Chapel/Communion - TE

4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - CH

Wednesday, September 10

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, September 11

5:30 am Church Cookout - FH

Friday, September 12

Saturday, September 13

Sunday, September 14

Fourteenth 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*)

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

S	09-07	Jer. 18:1-11; Ps. 139:1-6; Philem. 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33
M	09-08	Psalm 2; Jeremiah 18:12-23; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5
T	09-09	Psalm 2; Jeremiah 19:1-15; 1 Timothy 4:6-16
W	09-10	Psalm 2; Jeremiah 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30
T	09-11	Psalm 14; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Timothy 1:1-11
F	09-12	Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:1-10; 2 Peter 2:1-10a
S	09-13	Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31; John 10:11-21



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Monday - Thursday

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

Friday
Closed

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