

Tryon Presbyterian Church

October 26, 2025 - 10:30 am

Gifts of Women Sunday

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

"Rondeau"

Jane Wilson

Elisabeth Jacquet dela Guerre

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy McGrath

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Brittany Meissner

INTRODUCTION TO GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Rebecca Albright

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach
the morning to waken the earth.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the valleys sing for joy, and the trees of
the field clap their hands.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the
poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as
the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

Let us worship God!

†HYMN

"For All the Faithful Women"

Hymnal Number 324

Tune: NYLAND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory and righteousness, we confess that we do not live as citizens of your kin-dom. We give allegiance to worldly thrones. We ignore the neediest in our midst. We discount our own worth. We forsake your just rule and the rules of your kingdom. Take from us the spirit of isolation, greed, lust for power and false pride. Give us instead the spirit of interdependency, generosity, humility and love. In all things, grant us time for amendment of life that we may serve you all the length of our days.

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

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Hymnal Number 591

Tune: HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susie Bellamy

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:23-32 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 848

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Chancel Choir Women

Rutter

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 81

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*The Confession of 1967*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

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**

“Jubilation”

Jane Wilson

Margaret Vardell Sandresky

†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

LITANY HONORING WOMEN

Rev. Rebecca Albright

Holy and loving God, author of life and giver of every good gift, you visit us with your glory and set us on paths of justice and compassion. Receive our thanks and praise! Hear especially our gratitude for women who have kept your commandments in caring for the least among us. For Mary and Hannah's proclamation of your righteousness and for all who continue this praise and declaration,

We give you thanks.

For Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah's insistence on their worth and for all who challenge the economics of patriarchy,

We give you thanks.

For Esther who negotiated with power and for all who strategize on behalf of the powerless,

We give you thanks.

For Lydia's just use of wealth and for all who use their influence for good,

We give you thanks.

For Tabitha's care for the well-being of others and for all who are turned outward with compassionate care,

We give you thanks.

For the woman at the well who risked speaking to you and who shared good news, for all who speak up and speak out,

We give you thanks.

For women who organize themselves, increasing power by numbers; For women who dance, paint, sing, all artists who expand our vision of justice; For young women crying out against all manner of evil; For women with length of days who teach by experience; For women who educate, propose new policies, legislate and activate,

We give you thanks.

For whom else shall we give thanks? Hear our thanks and praise, O God. For we pray in the name of the one who dwells in our midst and calls us to serve, Christ our God. **Amen.**

†HYMN

"For Everyone Born"

Hymnal Number 769

Tune: FOR EVERYONE BORN

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Rebecca Albright

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

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Gifts of Women Sunday

Today, we honor and celebrate the women, both past and present, whose hands have crafted the beautiful banners that adorn our Sanctuary. Their gifts of time, talent, and devotion enrich our worship experience, and we are deeply grateful for their contributions to our church community.

Sunday Breakfast

Our next Sunday Breakfast will be Sunday, November 2nd at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join us as we enjoy a hot breakfast and a lesson (appropriate for all ages) on "Missions" of the church. We hope to see you there!

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, November 9th, at the end of the worship service for the election of elders. The Congregational Nominating Committee will present their slate of members who they believe God has called at this time to lead us.

Shepherd Ministry Update

As we begin this new pastoral care ministry, we wanted you to know that Shepherds will begin their work in November and you will be getting a call of introduction from your Shepherd next month. Shepherds will be commissioned on Sunday, November 16th during worship.

Music Notes

The Prelude, Offertory and Postlude for today's service feature women composers from the 17th – 20th century. Margaret Vardell Sandresky, composer of our Offertory this morning, was Jane Wilson's organ teacher at the NC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, NC. She is still composing for organ, ensembles and orchestras at 104 years old!

Ministry for Children

We welcome all children and infants in worship! We have nursery care available for children ages 0-2 in "The Manger". Following the "Time with Children", children ages 3-7 are welcome to attend Children's Church in "The Ark".

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 26

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship - S

4:00 pm Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 27

1:30 pm Fellowship Committee - JCR

3:30 pm Co Team Meeting - JCR

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

6:30 pm Community Chorus - FH

Tuesday, October 28

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - CH

5:30 pm Session Meeting - JCR

Wednesday, October 29

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, October 30

Friday, October 31

Saturday, November 1

Sunday, November 2

All Saints Sunday

9:30 am Sunday Breakfast - FH

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
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

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)

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	10-26	Joel 2:23-32; Ps.65; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
M	10-27	Psalm 87; Joel 3:1-8; 1 Peter 4:12-19
T	10-28	Psalm 87; Joel 3:9-16; 1 Peter 5:1-11
W	10-29	Psalm 87; Joel 3:17-20; Matthew 21:28-32
T	10-30	Psalm 119:137-144; Jeremiah 33:14-26; 2 Cor. 1:1-11
F	10-31	Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 1:5-17; 2 Peter 1:1-11
S	11-01	Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 2:5-11; John 8:39-47

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory
of God and in loving memory of our
mothers, Lois Palmer and Merial Hill.*

- Denny & Betty Hill



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