

Tryon Presbyterian Church

January 18, 2026 - 10:30 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

“Prayer for Peace”

Jane Wilson

Paul Fey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

CALL TO WORSHIP

To those who want to follow him, Jesus asks,
“What are you seeking?”

**Teacher, we do not seek worldly power, but a
better way to live.**

“What are you seeking?”

**Teacher, we do not seek worldly wealth, nor the
prizes of paradise, but simply to be with you.**

“What are you seeking?”

**Teacher, we do not seek worldly praise or fame,
only that you call us by name. Amen.**

HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymnal Number 321

Tune: AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to trust your path of righteousness.

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

“Love Has Come” (Verse 1)

Hymnal Number 110
Tune: BRING A TORCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dr. Allan Purtill

Children may be dismissed to Children’s Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sandy Sibley

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 866

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Offertory”

Chancel Choir
John Ness Beck

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtill

John 1:35-42 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 92

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Called to Positive Peace”

Dr. Allan Purtill

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of Belhar (10.7)

We believe that God has revealed God’s self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people...that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly...therefore the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PRAYER 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

Jane Wilson

Chorale Prelude on "Alle Menschen mussen sterben"

J.S. Bach

†DOXOLOGY

Hymnal Number 606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Hymnal Number 753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Tune: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Allan Purtill

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Chancel Choir

Eric Myers

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Jane Wilson

"Preludium in C Major"

J.S. Bach

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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.

Lunch and Life Story

Our first "Life Story" features Ben Woodward at Calvert's Kitchen on Wednesday, January 21 at noon. This is a Dutch Treat lunch, and the seats are almost full. Email Janet Gilchrist at jsg138@hotmail.com to reserve your place at the table.

Chiamata Finale'

That's Italian for "Final Call"!! Sign up in the Narthex today following the worship service, email Jacque.headden@gmail.com, or call the church office no later than Wednesday, January 21 at noon if you plan to come to the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 24 at 5:30 PM. Hope to see you there!! (No take-outs.)

Acolyte Interest/Training Meeting

Are you interested in becoming an acolyte? Or would you like the opportunity to acolyte more? If so, please join us for a short meeting after church on Sunday, January 25th. We will go over Acolyting basics and give everyone an opportunity to practice carrying the light of Christ! Contact Amy McGrath at [childrensministry\(tpc@gmail.com](mailto:childrensministry(tpc@gmail.com)) with questions.

Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation and corporation has been called for Sunday, February 8th following worship. Its purpose is to act on Session recommendations regarding the pastor's terms of call, congregational by-laws, corporation by-laws, and a motion to rescind the 2011 Session policies and procedures enacted by the congregation. Copies of all documents are available in the church office.

Calling All Children's Church Volunteers!

Children's Church is a short time during worship consisting of a story, snack, crafts and games. You will never be alone and this time is an excellent opportunity to get to know the youngest members of our church. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Amy McGrath at childrensministry.tpc@gmail.com .

New Year, New Flower Chart

A new flower chart for 2026 is available for sign-ups. Providing flowers for worship is a meaningful way to beautify our sanctuary and honor or remember loved ones or simply to give thanks.

Please remember that flowers **do not need to be expensive**. A simple arrangement is just as lovely, and flowers from your own garden or backyard are always welcome.

When signing up, we kindly ask that you **include a phone number**. This will allow us to send a gentle reminder as your selected date approaches. Thank you for helping make our worship space welcoming and beautiful throughout the year."

Music Notes

The Chancel Choir anthem today is based on Micah 6:6-8 "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God."

The offertory this morning, *All Are Mortal* by J.S. Bach, is said to be one of the most beautiful of all his Chorale Preludes.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18

Second Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 am Worship - S

Monday, January 19

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 20

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB
12:00 pm Staff Meeting - JCR
4:15 pm Children's Choir - CR

Wednesday, January 21

10:00 am Fellowship Meeting - JCR
3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR
6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, January 22

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH
1:00 pm Rotary Board Meeting - JCR
3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR
4:00 pm Kitchen Use Meeting - FH

Friday, January 23

Saturday, January 24

5:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner - FH

Sunday, January 25

Third Sunday after Epiphany
10:30 am Worship - S
11:45 am Acolyte Meeting - 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 church office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

We Remember in Prayer...

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Joanne Alderman
Clark Benson
Donna Croft
Donald Hawthorne
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick

LAURELWOODS - COLUMBUS

Lila Corpeling

CARE OF LAKWOOD

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.

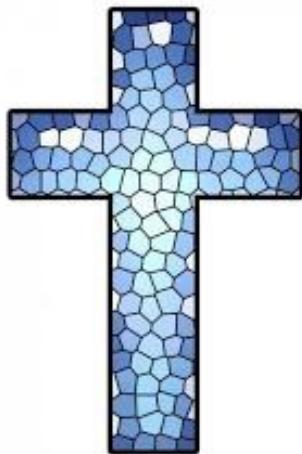
Daily Bible Readings For This Week

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| S 01-18 | Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 40:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42 |
| M 01-19 | Psalm 40:6-17; Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28; Acts 8:26-40 |
| T 01-20 | Psalm 40:6-17, Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:1-4 |
| W 01-21 | Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 48:12-21; Matthew 9:14-17 |
| T 01-22 | Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 1:11-24 |
| F 01-23 | Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; Galatians 2:1-10 |
| S 01-24 | Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Luke 5:27-32 |

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory
of God and in loving memory of
Dr. Victor M. Wilson, devoted
husband and father.*

- Jane Wilson and Family



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Monday - Thursday

8 am - 11:30 am, 12:30 pm - 5 pm
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Friday
Closed

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