# Tryon Presbyterian Church

October 18, 2026 - 10:30 am

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

*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** — Jane Wilson
"Prelude in C Major" — Johann Sebastian Bach

**Welcome and Announcements** — Dr. Allan Purtill

**Minute For Mission**

**†Call To Worship** — Psalm 103:1-2

Bless the Lord, O my Soul,

**and all that is within me bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all God's benefits.**

**†Hymn** — Hymnal Number 475
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" — Tune: Nettleton

**Prayer of Confession**

**Most gracious God, we confess to you that we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have clapped our hands in thanksgiving but failed to open them in giving. We have rehearsed your commands but struggle to love neighbors as ourselves. Lord, heal and forgive us.**

*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 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me" Tune: Kelvingrove

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

# Proclaiming the Word of God

## Time With Young Disciples

*Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.*

## Prayer For Illumination

Brittany and Viola Meissner

## First Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:6-13 (NRSV) Pew Bible, New Testament page 29

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

Chancel Choir and Beth Child, piano

"What Shall I Bring to the Lord?" Robert Lau

## Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:24 (NRSV) Pew Bible, New Testament page 6

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"The Heart of the Humble" 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***

**Pastoral Prayer And The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Lynnette Sills

**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
"Be Thou But Near" Johann Sebastian 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 716
"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Tune: Beach Spring

## Sending of The Church

†**Charge And Benediction** Dr. Allan Purtill

†**Carrying Christ's Light And Love Into The World**

**Postlude** Jane Wilson
"Festival Postlude" Paul Fey

*Intercessory prayer is available in the transepts following worship.*

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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 or greeters this morning. If you are interested in learning more about Tryon Presbyterian or church membership, contact the church office.

## Ministry for Children

Some new things are happening for children at TPC. Here's what's going on:

All children of all ages are welcome in worship. Worship bags and materials are available for children of all ages in the Narthex. Nursery care is available for children ages 0-2. After the "Time with Young Disciples" in worship, children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church where children will have time for faith formation. 4th and 5th graders will find new learning materials and books in the Narthex to use during worship.

## TPC Young Explorers

This morning, 4th and 5th graders are invited to meet with Pastor Mike Carruth after time with Young Disciples. You will be exploring what it means to be God's people in fun ways. Bring your curiosity, questions, and imagination!

## Annual Kirkin' of Tartans To Be Held Sunday, October 25 At Tryon Presbyterian Church

We will be holding our first-ever Kirkin' of the Tartan next Sunday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. Anyone is invited to carry a banner in the procession (either their own, or one supplied by the church). However, those who wish to carry a banner are asked to wear at least some item of Tartan or Highland dress, such as a scarf or a tie. Full Scottish dress is always encouraged but not required. Anyone wishing to carry a banner in the service is asked to contact Skip Taylor at 828 200-9259 or Bill McCall at 828 817-1630. Banner carriers are asked to be at the church no later that 4:30 p.m. that evening.

## Life Story

Our next Life Story features Bobby Silvers. Join us at Calverts Restaurant on Wednesday, October 21, at noon. Sign up in the Narthex today.

## Stewardship: Giving Joyfully

This year as we are discerning our financial gift to God for the ministry of the church, we will also be invited to consider the gift of our time in service to the church. There are two “pledge” cards, one for our money, the other for our time. Please pick up the cards in the narthex. We pray you can take joy in what your support is accomplishing with God’s grace. Please return the cards by October 31st.

## New Member Sunday

If you have been considering making Tryon Presbyterian Church your home, we welcome you! Dr. Purtill will lead a brief orientation at 9:45 am on Sunday, November 1st. A continental breakfast will be served and children are welcome. New members will be received into the church family on Sunday, November 15, 2026. For more information, please contact Susan Speight at 803-429-6242 or email scspeight@windstream.net.

## Guatemala Trip

The Missions Committee is looking for four members of our congregation to travel to Guatemala with a delegation of other churches led by the WNC Presbytery. The purpose of this trip is to prayerfully discern the possibility of establishing a Guatemala Sister Church. The trip is set for January 27th through February 1st

The Missions Committee hopes to find a congregation in Guatemala that we can develop a meaningful partnership with based on our mutual faith, friendship and service to God. If you are feeling called, please reach out to Stephanie Greene at mezesaro@aol.com. The only requirements are an open heart and a willingness to serve.

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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.

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Sunday, October 18**
*Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 am Worship - S
11:45 am Sunday Lunch - FH
11:45 am Shepherd Quarterly Meeting - JCR

**Monday, October 19**
1:00 pm Worship/Music Committee - JCR
5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR
6:30 pm Community Chorus - FH

**Tuesday, October 20**
3:30 pm Children's Choir - CR
4:00 pm Finance Committee - JCR
5:30 pm Called Session Meeting - JCR

**Wednesday, October 21**
1:30 pm Congregational Care Committee - EB
2:00 pm Seekers Bible Study - JCR
3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR
4:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous - EB
6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

**Thursday, October 22**
11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH
3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR

**Friday, October 23**

**Saturday, October 24**

**Sunday, October 25**
*Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 am Worship - S
5:00 pm Kirkin' of the Tartans - 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
Russell Alderman
Donna Croft
Bill Daniel
Jeanie Daniel
Donald Hawthorne
Rachel Ramsey
Betsy Zeek

## Tryon Estates Medical - Columbus

Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick

## Care of Lakewood

Esther Taylor

## Restoration at Westgate

Betty Brewer

## Friends of the Church

Holly Muir
(*Gail Muir's daughter*)
Rachel Tawney
(*Kim Boswood's daughter*)

**...our church family and staff**

**...our partner school**, Sunny View Elementary School

## Those in the Military

Sgt. Seth Walker
(*Terri Hendrix's nephew*)

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** | 10-18 | Isa. 45:1-7; Ps. 96:1-13; 1 Thes. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22 |
| **M** | 10-19 | Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Rev. 18:1-10, 19-20 |
| **T** | 10-20 | Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Rev. 18:21-24 |
| **W** | 10-21 | Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 13:1-2; Matthew 17:22-27 |
| **T** | 10-22 | Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deut. 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16 |
| **F** | 10-23 | Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deut. 32:1-14;Titus 2:7-8, 11-15 |
| **S** | 10-24 | Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deut. 32:44-47; John 5:39-47 |

## Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory of of God and in memory of my Dad Jerry Ridings on his birthday.*

- Kim McPherson

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

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