

Tryon Presbyterian Church

April 26, 2026 - 10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

“Trumpet Fanfare in C Major”

Jane Wilson
arr. Paul Frey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynnette Sills

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been through so much, but the Lord has been with us, and so we find peace and give thanks.

The Lord is our shepherd; we have everything we need.

Through shadow and light, through death and birth, through grief and joy, we have never been alone. We rest in truth.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

†HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymnal Number 321
Tune: AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your commands, leaving undone those things which we ought to have done and doing those things which we ought not to have done. Forgive us and grant us your mercy, for your name’s sake.

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

“Christ Is Alive!”

Hymnal Number 246

Tune: TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands
empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Lynnette Sills

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lynn Coombs

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 501

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Gentle Shepherd”

Chancel Choir; Pam McNeil, piano

Molly Ijames/Michael Pope

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtill

Acts 2:42-47 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 120

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SERMON

“The Devoted Church”

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*

PRAYER 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

"God Is My Shepherd"
(Gayle Casterline, soprano)

Jane Wilson
Dvorak

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Hymnal Number 803
Tune: RESIGNATION

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Allan Purtil

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Lasst Uns Erfreuen"

Jane Wilson
Phil Lenhenbauer

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

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 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.

Blessing Box

Throughout the month of April, the Missions Committee is collecting non-food essentials for the Blessing Box in the Narthex. Items especially needed include: toilet paper and tissues, paper towels, dish soap and laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners and disinfectants, and personal hygiene products. Every donation makes a difference in the lives of local families. Thank you for helping us support our neighbors in need with dignity and care.

TPC Excursions

A few spots remain for the TPC Excursion to "Pretty Place" with lunch on Friday, May 1st. There is a \$15 transportation fee with a "Dutch" lunch in Brevard. Check **The Trumpet** for details, and contact Cindy Caldwell at cindycaldwell921@gmail.com or Janet Gilchrist at jsg138@hotmail.com to reserve your spot no later than Tuesday, April 28.

Mark Your Calendar

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting a lovely Spring Brunch Saturday, May 2nd, at 10:00 am. Meg Lebeck, member of Polk County Long Term Recovery Group and CEO of Housing Assistance Program, will speak on Helene Recovery progress. An optional PCUSA Thank offering will be collected. Sign up in the Narthex following worship today.

Music Notes

You are invited to a very special evening of patriotic music by Mountain Song Community Chorus on Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

May Study

Where are the words of the Prophets? Not always popular but always true, the words of the prophets are often found on the periphery of society. Though they roar, their words are often ignored by their intended audience. Come and delve into the prophet Amos with Dr. Allan Purtil on Sundays in the month of May at 9:30 am in the Jones Conference Room. There will be pre-school childcare and Faith Formation activities for children and youth.

Music Notes

The anthem today, Gentle Shepherd, based on Psalm 23, is composed by Molly Ijames. Molly composes both instrumental and choral works and is known for her artistry in blending text and music.

May Birthdays

1st - MaryAnn Sloan
2nd - Lynnette Sills
3rd - Eric Harrelson
6th - Cinda Austin
6th - Janet Gilchrist
9th - John Hendrix
10th - Scott Meyer
18th - Petra Harrelson
21st - Kristy Morrow
26th - Ben Woodward
27th - Alice Palmer
29th - Grey Bateman
29th - Ellen Jones
30th - Grover Croft
31st - Jimmy Deal

May Anniversaries

1st - Terry & Faye Moore
4th - Robert & Lynette Conrad
5th - Bob & Susan Penfold
12th - Leslie & Gayle Casterline
13th - Steve & Elizabeth Habel
14th - Martin & Janet Gilchrist
18th - Charlie & Susan Speight
24th - Richard & Lynn Coombs
24th - Ken & Heidi Shull
27th - Michael & Laurin Baker
29th - Skip Taylor & MaryAnn Sloan

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Together in Prayer Training - FH

4:30 pm New Member Dinner - FH

Monday, April 27

1:00 Fellowship- JCR

3:30 pm Co-Team Meeting - JCR

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

6:30 pm Community Chorus - FH

Tuesday, April 28

4:15 pm Children's Choir-CR

5:30 pm Session Meeting - JCR

Wednesday, April 29

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, April 30

10:00 am Missions Committee-JCR

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR

Friday, May 1

9:00 am TPC Excursion: Pretty Place

Saturday, May 2

10:00 AM PW Brunch- FH

Sunday, May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Bible Study- JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Together in Prayer Training - FH

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
Doris Clark
Donna Croft
Donald Hawthorne
Betsy Zeek

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick

LAURELWOODS - COLUMBUS

Lila Corpening

CARE OF LAKEWOOD

Esther Taylor

RESTORATION AT WESTGATE

Betty Brewer

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Holly Muir
(*Gail Muir'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*)

Daily Bible Readings For This Week

S	04-26	Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
M	04-27	Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5
T	04-28	Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21
W	04-29	Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28
T	04-30	Psalm 31:1-5; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15
F	05-01	Psalm 31:1-5; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16
S	05-02	Psalm 31:1-5; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59

