

# Tryon Presbyterian Church

430 Harmon Field Road ~ Tryon, North Carolina

December 18, 2022 - 10:00 am

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Our Mission Statement:

*To be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who love God and their neighbor.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

### PRELUDE

“Gesu Bambino”

Makena James  
by Pietro Yon

### BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

*On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the Angels' Candle. We marvel at the God who declares to us, "Fear not!" and his gift to us: the Prince of Peace. In Isaiah 9:6–7 we read of this promise of peace: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called:*

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

(Lighting of the fourth Advent candle.)

*And in Luke 2:13-14 we read that: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*

**“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”**

*Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.*

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

## †HYMN

“God Is Here!”

Hymnal Number 409

Tune: ABBOT’S LEIGH

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things. You lifted us out of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. We confess we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness.

## SILENT PRAYERS AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.*

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## †GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

Hymnal Number 581

Tune: GLORIA PATRI

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Purtill

### CANTICLE

“Be Thou My Vision” (Third stanza)

Hymnal Number 450

Tune: SLANE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Terri Hendrix

*O God, our beginning and our end, by whose command time runs its course; bless our impatience, perfect our faith, and, while we await the fulfillment of your promises, grant us hope in your Word. Amen.*

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:10-16 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 636

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

### “Savior of the Nations, Come”

arr. Evelyn R. Larter

Savior of the nations, come; Show the glory of the Son! Every people, stand in awe; praise the perfect Son of God. Not of human seed or worth, but of God's own mystic breath, Fruit in Mary's womb began when God breathed the Word, His Son. God the Father's precious Son girds Himself in flesh to run; Riding out, returning home as the Savior who has come. Praise to God here every one, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost adore; Praise them now and evermore!

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

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Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 1

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### “In This Way”

Dr. Purtill

“*He did as the angel of the Lord commanded him...*” Luke 1:24

## †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*

## 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.

## †DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Number 606

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

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Hymnal Number 82

Tune: HYFRYDOL

## SENDING OF THE CHURCH

## †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

## †CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

## †POSTLUDE

“The Coventry Carol”

Makena James

by Herbert Sumsion

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†*The congregation is invited to stand. Those who wish to remain seated are welcome to do so.*

## Welcome To Our New TPC Members

Jon and Amy McGrath are joining by Transfer of Letter from Georgetown Presbyterian Church in Georgetown, SC. We also welcome their sons Jon, Jesse, and Sullivan.

*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 at [RevAllanPurtill@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# TPC DECEMBER SCHEDULE

## Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 18  
4:00 pm

## Christmas Eve Communion Service

Saturday, December 24  
7:00 pm

## Christmas Worship Service

Sunday, December 25  
10:00 am



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## Update – 2023 Annual Stewardship Appeal

We have received 81 pledge cards and reached \$296,915 in pledges. Our estimated 2023 “pledge” budget is \$345,000. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so soon in order that every one of our programs can realize its potential. Thank you for being a part of what God has called us to do together.

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## Chancel Project

The renovations to the Chancel area are scheduled to begin in January. This will involve removing the organ and protecting the pipes, building choir risers, and a redesign of the steps across the front of the chancel. The sanctuary will still be used for Sunday services with slight modifications on where the piano and the pulpit are located. We expect this project will take about a month. - *Hank Sibley*

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## Sunday, December 18

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
10:00 am Worship - S  
11:30 am Discussion Group - EB  
4:00 pm Christmas Caroling

## Monday, December 19

## Tuesday, December 20

2:00 pm Lauri Ross Memorial Service - S  
5:30 pm Session Meeting - FH

## Wednesday, December 21

2:30 pm Search Committee - JCR  
3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

## Thursday, December 22

## Friday, December 23

## Saturday, December 24

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service - S

## Sunday, December 25

*Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day*  
10:00 am Worship - S  
11:30 am Discussion Group - EB

**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

**Hayden** Britton  
**Fran** Creasy  
**Kay** Davis  
**Merle** Greene  
**Susan** Kelley  
**Amy** Leidheiser  
**Joan** Post

## TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

**Betty** Chamberlain  
**Mimi** Child  
**Dan** Schutter

## LAUREL WOODS - COLUMBUS

**Gerri** Cegielski  
**Penny** Kuether  
**Ruth** Rose

## WHITE OAK - TRYON

**Ruby** Ferverda  
(*Terri Hendrix's Mother*)

## MILLITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Michael** Meissner

## FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

**Debbie** Potter  
(*Mary Potter's daughter-in-law*)

...our church family and staff

... our Pastor and Family  
Allan, Jenny, Syler and James Purtill  
...our partner church, **El Mesias**  
in Flores Costa Cuca, Guatemala  
Maria Luisa Lopez Basilio

*A funeral service for Lauri Ross (Betty Ross's daughter)  
will be held in our church on December 20, 2022 at 2:00 pm.*

## Daily Bible Readings For This Week

<b>S</b> 12-18	Isa. 7:10-16; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom. 1:1-7; Matt. 1:18-25
<b>M</b> 12-19	1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20
<b>T</b> 12-20	1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21-5:1
<b>W</b> 12-21	1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 37:2-11; Matthew 1:1-17
<b>T</b> 12-22	Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20
<b>F</b> 12-23	Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14
<b>S</b> 12-24	Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

## Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory  
of God and in memory of the  
Brooks Hursey Family and  
John C. Williams Family  
by  
Sally (Williams) and Hugh Hursey*

## **Weekly Giving December**

### Weekly Offerings

	<u>Given</u>	<u>Need</u>
12-04	\$ 5,877	\$ 8,064
12-11	\$ 6,330	\$ 8,064
12-18	\$	\$ 8,064
12-25	\$	\$ 8,064

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### **Office Hours**

#### Monday - Thursday

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

#### Friday

Closed

## *Church Staff*

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