

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)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 636

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

Dr. Purtill

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 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



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.

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)

MILITARY 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

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

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

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Closed

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