

Tryon Presbyterian Church

September 28, 2025 - 10:30 am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Mission Statement:

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

"Prelude in C Major"

Jane Wilson
Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Lynnette Sills

The word has come for us from God:

**who promises to shelter us under the wings
of hope and grace.**

The word has come to us from Jesus:

**who encourages us to remember the good
news we have received.**

The word flows to us from the Spirit:

**who reminds us to place our hope and trust
in God.**

†HYMN

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Hymnal Number 415
Tune: RESTORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, our ingratitude for the simple gifts you give. Worried about ourselves, we become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged to accumulate, we miss seeing your goodness and godliness in creation. Chasing after our hearts' desires, we lack the focus to pursue your call to faith and action for the poor and the neglected. Forgive us, O God, and open our ears to listen to Jesus whom you sent that we may have life.

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

“As the Deer”

Hymnal Number 626

Tune: AS THE DEER

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lynn Coombs

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 736

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Every Valley”

Chancel Choir

John Ness Back

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31 (NRSV)

Dr. Allan Purtill

Pew Bible, New Testament page 79

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Love In Action”

Dr. Allan Purtill

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from “The Brief Statement of Faith” (1983)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept

lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love...God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

"Tambourin" (Duet for flute and Reed Stops)

Jane Wilson
Jean-Philippe Rameau

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

Hymnal Number 314
Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Jubilant Psalm"

Jane Wilson
Phil Lehenbauer

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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. Today, we welcome Margaret Burke and Roger Paul into membership of the church. Margaret is joining by reaffirmation of faith and Roger by transfer of letter. Please extend a warm welcome to each of them following the service.

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.

Shepherd Ministry

If you are planning to be a part of our new Shepherd Ministry, please join us for **one** of the following training sessions: today after worship, Monday, September 29 at 11:00 am or Tuesday, September 30 at 1:00 pm. All three meetings will be in the Jones Conference Room. Please contact Lynnette Sills at lrj.sills52@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Men's Bible & Breakfast

Gentlemen, come join us for our monthly Men's Bible Breakfast on Thursday, October 2nd at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

You are cordially invited to "Brewing Love"

An Afternoon Tea fundraising event benefiting TPC Women's Mission Fund.

Sunday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Each \$25 ticket entitles guests to fine teas along with a selection of tea sandwiches, tea cakes, sparkling conversation, and fellowship!

Notecards with artwork from many TPC artists will also be available for purchase. Everyone welcome - please see any member of the TPC Women's Co-Team for details and to purchase tickets!

Don't Miss This!!!

Mark Sunday, October 19 on your calendar and join your church family for our popular Sunday Lunch. We will gather in the fellowship hall following the service for a covered dish luncheon. The Fellowship Committee will provide fried and baked chicken, green beans, and macaroni. You will bring the remaining dishes according to your last name: **A-H: Salad; I-Q- Dessert; R-Z- Vegetable.** See a member of the Fellowship Team to **sign up** in the Narthex following the service.

Small Groups

If you facilitate a small group (two or more individuals) that meets in or outside of TPC for the purpose of Christian growth or education please email Michael Meissner at meissner_michael@yahoo.com.

Thank you!

The choir and congregation of Tryon Presbyterian wish to thank Gail Muir for her generous time and talents making alterations on the choir robes you see today. Thanks to Gail's tireless efforts, the robes are now lighter, more comfortable for the choir and more fitting for worship. God bless you Gail!

October Birthdays

2nd - Woody Headden
3rd - Susie Bellamy
5th - Amy Leidheiser
8th - Clark Benson
13th - Deanna Bancroft
15th - Camilla Dick
18th - Richard Coombs
19th - Nancy Coy
19th - Glenn LeFeber
20th - Wesley Elam
21st - DeAnne Zaeske
22nd - Larry Poe
23rd - Lynn Coombs
26th - Andrew Meyer

28th - Rodger Walker
29th - Jesse McGrath
30th - Linda Clement
31st - Evan Dadson

October Anniversaries

2nd - Megan & Jennifer Flood
7th - Scott & Carol Dadson
17th - Bob & Kristy Morrow
20th - Rodger Walker &
Susan Woodcock
28th - Denny & Betty Hill
29th - Chase & Emily Moyer

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 28

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Shepherd Training - JCR

Monday, September 29

11:00 am Shepherd Training - JCR

3:30 pm Co Team Meeting - JCR

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, September 30

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

1:00 pm Shepherd Training - JCR

4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - CH

Wednesday, October 1

1:30 pm Intercessory Prayer - JCR

3:00 pm Membership Committee - JCR

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, October 2

8:00 am Men's Bible & Breakfast - FH

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

Friday, October 3

Saturday, October 4

Sunday, October 5

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday Breakfast

10:30 am Worship - S

3:00 pm PW Tea Fundraiser - 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

Donna Croft
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

CHARLES GEORGE VA HOSPITAL

Clark Benson

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick
Tom Hogg

LAURELWOODS - COLUMBUS

Lila Corpening

CARE OF LAKEWOOD

Esther Taylor

RESTORATION AT WESTGATE

Betty Brewer

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Emily Helmick
(*Janet Gilchrist's sister*)

Holly Muir
(*Gail Muir's daughter*)

Anne Shue
(*Rennie Habel's sister in law*)

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

S	09-28	Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Ps. 146; 1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
M	09-29	Psalms 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:16-35; Rev. 3:14-22
T	09-30	Psalms 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:36-44; James 5:1-6
W	10-01	Psalms 119:49-56; Jeremiah 33:1-13; Matt. 19:16-22
T	10-02	Psalms 37:1-9; 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36; Rev. 2:8-11
F	10-03	Psalms 37:1-9; 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37; Rev. 2:12-29
S	10-04	Psalms 37:1-9; Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 20:29-34

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory
of God and with gratitude for
our church family*

- Woody and Jacque Headden



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Closed

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