

Tryon Presbyterian Church

430 Harmon Field Road ~ Tryon, North Carolina

January 22, 2023 - 10:00 am

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Our Mission Statement:

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Makena James

Tune: EIN’ FESTE BURG

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of
whom shall I be afraid?**

I will offer in God’s house sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

Hymnal Number 664

Tune: BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. Amen.

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

Hymnal Number 408

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (refrain only)

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,
filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts
in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alan Zaeske

*Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to
hear it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:1-4 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 638

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Buryl A. Red

“Let the Song Go Round the Earth”

Let the song go round the earth, Jesus Christ is Lord! Sound His praise, tell His worth, Be His name adored; Every clime and every tongue join the grand, the glorious song! Let the song go round the earth, Jesus Christ is Lord! Let the song go round the earth, where the summer smiles; Let the notes of holy mirth break from distant isles; inland forests, dark and dim, icebound coasts give back the hymn. Let the song go round the earth, where the summer smiles. Let the song go round the earth, Jesus Christ is King! With the story of His worth let the whole earth ring; His creation all adore evermore and evermore. Let the song go round the earth, Jesus Christ is King!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Purtill

Matthew 4:12-23 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 3

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON**“A Strange Place to Start”**

Dr. Purtill

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith 1983 PC(USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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**

“God Is My Strong Salvation”

Hymnal Number 841

Tune: WEDLOCK

SENDING OF THE CHURCH**†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Dr. Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**†POSTLUDE**

“Night Train”

Makena James
by Chris Goldston*All music used with permission under One License #739236-A*

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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.

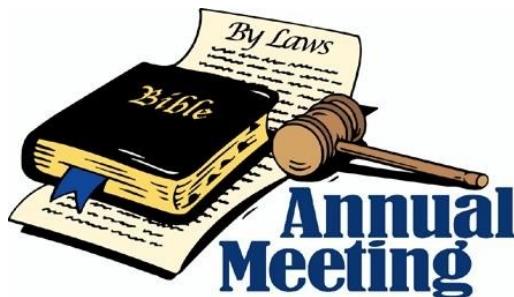
COMING SOON

The Christian Growth Committee is going to hold a very special event on February 5, 2023. We want you there!

Active churches provide ways for all members to grow in faith. As 2023 begins, we need to get energized. Let's get connected in a small group setting (3-12 people). No pressure, no demands - an open mind to learn more about our Lord, our faith and each other.

See what's going on in the Fellowship Hall following the church service on February 5th.

- Cherie Brooks



The session has called for the annual meeting of the congregation to be held on Sunday, January 29th following the worship service.

The business includes receiving the Annual Report, voting on the change of salary (terms of call) for the pastor, and holding the annual meeting of the corporation.

December Session Recap

The session approved the personnel portion of the 2023 budget at its December meeting in order to allow any salary adjustments to begin on January 1. The remainder of the proposed 2023 Budget will be taken up at the January meeting, as the church is still assessing the projected revenue for the coming fiscal year.

The session also recently approved approximately \$12,200 for the purchase of a new air conditioner and heat pump to replace the existing 18-year-old unit at the manse that was in need of a costly repair. That system has already been installed.

Administrative Chair Denny Hill reported that the Music Director Search Committee continues to receive applications.

The church will once again undertake to produce a new church photo directory. Membership Chair Susan Speight said she has been in contact with a company that produces directories similar to the current one. There would be no cost to the church. The company's compensation is derived from the sale of the photos it takes of members. There will be no obligation to purchase.

Denny Hill reported that the Men's Bible and Breakfast group is ready to install a firepit in the grassy area on the west side of the church. It will be a steel unit that is capable of being moved should the need arise. The money was donated by group members.

Chairman of the Chancel Renovation Committee Hank Sibley reported on the plans for construction of the choir risers and extending the chancel over the majority of the existing steps. The project is expected to cost approximately \$55,000, of which \$30,000 has been raised so far. Another \$10,000 has been pledged.

Rev. Purtill announced that Hank Sibley will take over the Property Committee, Gail Muir will be vice-chair of Congregational Care, and Bill Sullivan will chair the Missions Committee.

Jon and Amy McGrath were approved for membership based on letter of transfer from Georgetown Presbyterian Church in Georgetown S.C.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am Worship - S

11:15 am Discussion Group - EB

Monday, January 23

Tuesday, January 24

Wednesday, January 25

10:00 am Prayer Group - S

Thursday, January 26

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am Worship - S

11:00 am Annual Meeting - S

11:15 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
Amy Leidheiser
Gail Muir
Joan Post
Linda Lee Reynolds
Carol Turner

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Betty Chamberlain
Mimi Child
Dan Schutter
Peggy Woodward

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

Daily Bible Readings For This Week

S 01-22	Isa. 9:1-4; Ps. 27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23
M 01-23	Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 6:11-24; Ephesians 5:6-14
T 01-24	Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 7:12-22; Philippians 2:12-18
W 01-25	Psalm 27:7-14; Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13; Luke 1:67-79
T 01-26	Psalm 15; Deut. 16:18-20; 1 Peter 3:8-12
F 01-27	Psalm 15; Deut. 24:17-25:4; 1 Timothy 5:17-24
S 01-28	Psalm 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory of
God and in thanksgiving for
Mary Grace, Bennett,
George, and James.
by,
Martin & Janet Gilchrist*

Weekly Giving

January

Weekly Offerings

<u>Given</u>	<u>Need</u>
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01-08	\$ 4,150	\$ 8,705
01-15	\$ 14,590	\$ 8,705
01-22	\$ 12,375	\$ 8,805
01-29	\$	\$ 8,705

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

Friday

Closed

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