

Tryon Presbyterian Church

July 13, 2025 - 10:30 am

Fifth 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

Janet Kuntz, flute

"Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Brant Adams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynnette Sills

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Word,

**And the Word was with God, and the Word
was God.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us, full
of grace and truth.

Praise God for the knowledge of God!

†HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

Hymnal Number 450

Tune: SLANE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynnette Sills

**Gracious God you have given us your Word so that we might know
and love you. You grant us the light of your Spirit that we might not
be overwhelmed by the darkness of doubt or confusion. Yet, we
acknowledge before that we have chosen to stumble in the dark ra-
ther than to walk secure in your light. Forgive our ignorance of your
commands, heal any harm we have caused, and restore us again to
the joy of knowing and loving you.**

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

Hymnal Number 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” Tune: GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lynnette Sills

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:18-23 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Summer Singers

“Lead Me Lord” (Gayle Casterline, soprano)

SS Wesley

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtill

II Timothy 3:16-4:5 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 213

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“How to Keep Reading the Bible”

Dr. Allan Purtill

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967 The Bible

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as God's word written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel...The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God's work of reconciliation in Christ.

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Lord, Lead Us Day by Day"

Gayle Casterline, soprano
George F Handel

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Hymnal Number 451
Tune: OPEN MY EYES

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Let All Things Now Living"

Janet Kuntz, flute

Ron Harris

All music used with permission under One License #739236-A

†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. 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 Purtil 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.

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.

Faith Seeking Understanding

We are in the middle of a sermon series addressing various questions from the congregation. This week, Dr. Purtil seeks to answer one member who asked, "How should we interpret intolerant writings? How do we answer less tolerant Christians?" Next week, Rev. Lynnette Sills will address, "Where is God in the midst of human pain and suffering?"

90th Birthday Party

Everyone is invited to a drop-in birthday party for Emma Pruette on Saturday, July 19th in the Fellowship Hall from 11am - 1pm. Come, enjoy finger foods and help us celebrate our mom's 90th birthday. Please call Karen Pruett if you would like to attend or have any questions at 803-665-8836.

Crayon Drive for Sunny View Elementary

During the month of July, the Mission Committee will be collecting the following items for the students of Sunny View Elementary:

- 24 pack Crayola Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Wide Lined Notebook Paper

There is a large container in the Narthex to collect these supplies. The principal, Mr. Allan, and all the teachers and students very much appreciate all that TPC does for them. Thank you for your donations.

Carolyn Thompson, Missions Committee

Music Notes

Brant Adams, composer of our Prelude this morning, is an award-winning musician whose compositions can be found all over the world. In addition to his choral work, Adams is widely known for his orchestrations and instrumental arrangements of sacred music. Listen to the creative, fresh way he has paired flute with two familiar hymn tunes.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 13

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship - S

Monday, July 14

Tuesday, July 15

12:00 pm Memorial Garden Committee - JCR

Wednesday, July 16

Thursday, July 17

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19

Sunday, July 20

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship - S

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

The giving of our tithes and offerings is an expression of our gratitude for God's grace. The giving of our gifts also symbolizes the offering of ourselves to love and serve as Christ's body. Offering plates are located in the narthex. Gifts may also be made online through the website or by scanning the code below.



We Remember in Prayer...

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Donna Croft
Emma Pruette
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

RIDGE REST - COLUMBUS

Clark Benson

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick
Tom Hogg

LAURELWOODS - COLUMBUS

Lila Corpening

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)

...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	07-13	Amos 7:7-14; Ps. 82; Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
M	07-14	Psalms 7; Amos 3:9-4:5; James 2:1-7
T	07-15	Psalms 7; Amos 4:6-13; 1 John 3:11-17
W	07-16	Psalms 7; Amos 5:1-9; Matthew 25:31-46
T	07-17	Psalms 52; Amos 5:10-17; Hebrews 5:1-6
F	07-18	Psalms 52; Amos 5:18-27; Ephesians 3:14-21
S	07-19	Psalms 52; Amos 6:1-14; Luke 8:4-10

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the
glory of God and in loving
memory of Bob Kennedy.*

- Karen and D'Arcy McKinnon



Tryon Presbyterian Church

430 Harmon Field Road
Tryon, North Carolina 28782

Website: www.TryonPresbyterian.org

E-mail: tpreschurch@gmail.com

Phone: 828-859-6683



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

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

Friday
Closed

Church Staff

Dr. Allan Purtill - Pastor

Email: revallanpurtill@gmail.com 828-859-6683 ext. 102

Jane Wilson - Director of Music and Organist

Email: musicministry.tpc@gmail.com

Kim McPherson - Church Administrator

Email: tpreschurch@gmail.com 828-859-6683 ext. 100

Amy McGrath - Director of Children's Ministry

Email: childrensministry.tpc@gmail.com

Michael Carruth - Commissioned Pastor

Email: mistermikecarruth@gmail.com

Lynnette Sills - Parish Associate

Email: lrj.sills52@gmail.com

Wesley Elam - Director of Digital Ministry

Email: tryonpresbyterian@gmail.com

Sam Gouge - Custodian

Caelan Gaul - Pre-School

Alyssa Walker - Nursery

Session Members

CLASS OF 2025

Edward Harrelson

Email: edward@chslegal.com

Dennis Hill - Personnel Chair

Email: summerhill60@yahoo.com

Gail Muir - Finance Chair

Email: gaildmuir@yahoo.com

Bill Sullivan - Missions Chair

Email: billsullivan2011@gmail.com

CLASS OF 2026

Susie Bellamy - Music and Worship Chair

Email: sbellamy1943@gmail.com

Janet Gilchrist - Fellowship Chair

Email: jsg138@hotmail.com

Michael Meissner - Christian Growth Chair

Email: meissner_michael@yahoo.com

Bonnie Sakos - Congregational Care Chair

Email: bonniesakos@yahoo.com

CLASS OF 2027

Stephanie Greene - Congregational Care

Email: mezesaro@aol.com

Rennie Habel - Membership Chair

Email: efhabel@yahoo.com

Bobby Silvers - Property Chair

Email: silversfamilyvt@gmail.com