

Tryon Presbyterian Church

October 19, 2025 - 10:30 am

Nineteenth 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 on "Amazing Grace"

Jane Wilson

Paul Fey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

†CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

†HYMN

Hymnal Number 15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

(Verses 1-4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We thank and praise you, O Lord, but upon hearing your call to love you with all that we are, and all that we have, we confess misguided faith. We squander what could be invested and shared. We trust in our own schemes more than your gracious provision. Forgive our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. In a world of unpredictable markets, we thank you for your predictable provision.

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

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Hymnal Number 591

Tune: HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alan Zaeske

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 126 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 572

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“All of Our Praise”

Chancel Choir

David Lantz

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtill

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 183

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Indescribable Gift”

Dr. Allan Purtill

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Lynnette Sills

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Irish Interlude"

Jane Wilson
Kingsfold

†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

Rev. Lynnette Sills

†HYMN

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Hymnal Number 716
Tune: BEACH SPRING

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"

Jane Wilson
Ralph Vaughan Williams

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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. 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. 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.

Stewardship 2025

Treasure Hunt For Grace! Ahoy Tryon Presbyterian Maties - our ship needs your help! We're on a quest for a treasure chest of grace from God. This year as we are discerning our financial gift to God for the ministry of the church, we will also be invited to participate in stewardship activities outlined in "the treasure map." For four weeks we'll be searching for ways we can share our gifts of grace as good stewards. Be sure to pick up your "treasure map" following worship, participate in the weekly activities, and detach and return your pledge card by November 9th.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 4:00–5:30 PM!

If you'd like to host a trunk, please sign up in the narthex or email Rennie Habel at rennieh319@gmail.com. Trunks should be set up in the left parking lot by **3:30 PM**. Please bring **individually wrapped treats** to share—Goldfish crackers or yogurt melts are a great option for our toddlers!

A **refreshment table** will also be available with baked goods, apple slices, and beverages. If you'd like to donate baked goods, we'd be grateful—there's a separate sign-up sheet in the narthex. We hope you'll join us for an afternoon of fellowship, fun, and fall celebration!

In case of rain, Trunk or Treat will be held in the fellowship hall.

GriefShare: Surviving The Holidays

Are you, or someone you know, grieving the loss of a loved one? The holidays are challenging when you're grieving a loss, but this free 2 hour event provides encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate the holiday season. Join us for this holiday seminar on Saturday, November 8th at Tryon Presbyterian Church from 10:00am - 12:00pm. To register, go to grief-share.org/holidays and search for our church. If you have questions, you can email Kim Boswood at GriefShare.tpc@gmail.com.

TPC Service Opportunity

Are you looking for a way to serve our church family? Providing snacks for fellowship is an easy act of service. There are vacancies and YOUR help is needed. Thank you for considering one of the following open dates: December 7, 14, 21 or 28. Please sign up on the form across from the church office.

Shepherd Ministry Update

As we begin this new pastoral care ministry, we wanted you to know that Shepherds will begin their work in November and you will be getting a call of introduction from your Shepherd next month. Shepherds will be commissioned on Sunday, November 16th during worship. Many thanks to the Congregational Care Committee for the good work they have done in recent months to organize and begin this ministry.

Jesus Books on Display

We are featuring all the books that are only about Jesus in the TPC library. You will find quite a variety in our selection. We have everything from *The Mysterious Jew* by Amy Levine to *The Historical Jesus* by James K Beiby. Stop in to find your next great read! - Carolyn Thompon, TPC Librarian

Music Notes

The hymns and anthem today have been chosen to reflect the themes of praise, grace, thankfulness, and for all we have been given.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN ("Let us rejoice"), is a German tune from the 17th century, by Ralph Vaughan Williams. For over 100 years, this pairing of text and tune, as well as Vaughan Williams' arrangement, has been standard for many hymnals.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 19

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Sunday Lunch - FH

Monday, October 20

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

6:30 pm Community Chorus - FH

Tuesday, October 21

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - CR

Wednesday, October 22

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, October 23

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

Friday, October 24

Saturday, October 25

Sunday, October 26

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship - S

4:00 pm Trunk or Treat

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

Joanne Alderman
Clark Benson
Donna Croft
Allen Koleff
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

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*)

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	10-19	Gen. 32:22-31; Ps.121; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
M	10-20	Psalms 129; Jeremiah 38:14-28; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
T	10-21	Psalms 129; Jeremiah 39:1-18; James 5:7-12
W	10-22	Psalms 129; Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20; Luke 22:39-46
T	10-23	Psalms 65; Joel 1:1-20; 2 Timothy 3:1-9
F	10-24	Psalms 65; Joel 2:1-11; 2 Timothy 3:10-15
S	10-25	Psalms 65; Joel 2:12-22; Luke 1:46-55

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Catherine Helmstetter and my daughter, Katherine Warden.

- Judy Warden



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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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