

# *Tryon Presbyterian Church*

*430 Harmon Field Road ~ Tryon, North Carolina*

*December 25, 2022 - 10:00 am*

*Christmas Day*

## **Our Mission Statement:**

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

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD**

### **PRELUDE**

Piano-Trumpet

Makena James, Hank Sibley

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

### **BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Allan Purtill

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Greetings, favored ones, the Lord is with you.*

**His name is Immanuel, God with us.**

*Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among  
those whom he favors!**

### **†HYMN**

“Joy to the World”

Hymnal Number 134

Tune: ANTIOCH

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

### **†HYMN**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal Number 121

Tune: ST. LOUIS

### **PIANO-TRUMPET DUET**

“Sing We Now Christmas”

Makena James, Hank Sibley  
arranged by Eleanor Whitsett

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alan Zaeske

*As the shepherds of old were full of your praises, Mighty God, move us now with your Holy Spirit, that we too might hear and experience the wonder and joy of the living Word. In Jesus' name.*

**Amen.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 91

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“Judah’s Land”

Chancel Choir  
Appalachian Carol

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)

Dr. Purtill  
Pew Bible, New Testament page 58

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation is encouraged to read aloud the words in bold.*

*In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

## SERMON

“Christmas on a Sunday”

Dr. Purtill

## †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**      Hymnal Number 135  
“There’s a Star in the East”      Tune: FOLLOW

## SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**      Dr. Purtill

## †CARRYING CHRIST’S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

†**POSTLUDE**      Makena James  
“Masters In This Hall”      arr. Makena James

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†*The congregation is invited to stand. Those who wish to remain seated are welcome to do so.*

# 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](mailto: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.

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## Men's Bible & Breakfast

The Men's B&B will be meeting Thursday, January 5th at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a round table discussion on, The Desert: School of Self Discovery. Ken Shull's team will be preparing breakfast. See you there. - Pete

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## Annual Stewardship 2022 Reminder and 2023 Update

**2022** financial gifts to TPC – for tax purposes – must be postmarked or dropped off in the church office by **12/31/22**.

For the **2023** Annual Stewardship Appeal, we have received 84 pledge cards and reached \$307,995 in pledges. Currently our projected 2023 “pledge” budget is \$357,500. 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.

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### January Birthdays

1st - David Cornelius  
2nd - Peggy Woodward  
5th - Lesley Bush  
6th - Harold Wilson  
6th - Sandy Sibley  
7th - Elaine Gilman  
8th - Mary Ann Robinson  
9th - Carolyn Hicks  
10th - Steve Habel  
11th - Reggie Drake  
13th - Pete Bellamy

13th - Karen McKinnon  
16th - Rosemary Smith  
20th - Sherry Carter  
24th - Rita Nichols  
25th - Jim Heelan

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### January Anniversaries

1st - Edward & Petra Harrelson  
3rd - Glenn & Marilyn LeFeber  
6th - Tom & Doris Clark

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## Sunday, December 25

*Christmas Day*

10:00 am Worship - S

## Monday, December 26

Office Closed

## Tuesday, December 27

## Wednesday, December 28

2:30 pm Search Committee - JCR

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

## Thursday, December 29

## Friday, December 30

## Saturday, December 31

## Sunday, January 1

*First Sunday of Christmas*

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

## **Daily Bible Readings For This Week**

<b>S</b>	12-25	Isa. 62:6-12; Ps. 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20
<b>M</b>	12-26	Psalm 148; Proverbs 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8
<b>T</b>	12-27	Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12
<b>W</b>	12-28	Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:13-23; Matthew 18:1-14
<b>T</b>	12-29	Psalm 20; Jeremiah 31:15-22; Luke 19:41-44
<b>F</b>	12-30	Psalm 20; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
<b>S</b>	12-31	Psalm 20, 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19



# 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	\$ 7,209	\$ 8,064
12-25	\$	\$ 8,064



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### **Office Hours**

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

Friday  
 Closed

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