

Tryon Presbyterian Church

December 28, 2025 - 10:30 am

Christmastide

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

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Jane Wilson

Lewis Redner, arr. Joshua Evanovich

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lynnette Sills

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's love has come to earth to dwell with us.

Sing for joy with the angels.

We are God's people, loved and cherished.

Sing for joy with the angels.

The birth of Love has changed us forever.

Sing for joy with the angels.

Let us sing, praise, rejoice and worship together.

HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymnal Number 133

Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant with us.

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!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

BIDDING PRAYER

Rev. Lynnette Sills, Catherine Lynch

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMASTIDE

LESSON 1 - IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:27-28
Luke 1:26-35, 38

Catherine Lynch
Rev. Lynnette Sills

LESSON 2 - THE GOOD NEWS OF A SAVIOR

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Luke 2:8-14

Lynette Fisher
Rev. Lynnette Sills

HYMN

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Hymnal Number 143
Tune: REGENT SQUARE

LESSON 3 - EVERYTHING CHANGED

Isaiah 40:3-5
Luke 2:16-20

Charlie Fisher
Rev. Lynnette Sills

LESSON 4 - DEDICATION TO GOD

Isaiah 11:1-6
Luke 2:22-35

Sandy Sibley
Rev. Lynnette Sills

HYMN

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” (Vs. 1 & 2)

Hymnal Number 146
Tune: TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

LESSON 5 - REDEMPTION FOR ALL

Isaiah 63:7-9
Luke 2:36-40

DeAnne Zaeske
Rev. Lynnette Sills

LESSON 6 - GRACE FOR ALL

Titus 2:11-14
Matthew 2:1-12

Alan Zaeske
Rev. Lynnette Sills

HYMN

“What Child Is This” (Vs. 1 & 3)

Hymnal Number 145
Tune: GREENSLEEVES

LESSON 7 - TRUST IN THE LORD

Psalm 146:3-10
Matthew 2:13-23

Ken Shull
Rev. Lynnette Sills

HYMN

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Hymnal Number 123
(Vs. 1, 3 & 5)

Tune: CAROL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**Praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above
the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**God established them forever and ever; God fixed their
bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his
command!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his
faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!**

We praise God. We give thanks to God. And we pray these familiar words that sustain us always.

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
“Bethlehem”

Jane Wilson
Roberto Fresia

†DOXOLOGY
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal Number 606
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Hymnal Number 132
Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Lynnette Sills

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Hear the News the Angels Bring”

Jane Wilson
Sussex Carol

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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.

Advent Study

The Advent Study will resume on Sunday, Jan. 4th with our final lesson in the study which will focus on the courageous defiance of Joseph.

Men's Bible & Breakfast

Please join us for our next Bible Breakfast on Thursday, **January 8th** at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Breakfast

Our next Sunday Breakfast will be on Sunday, Jan. 11th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us for a morning of fresh hope and possibility for the New Year!

New Year, New Flower Chart

A new flower chart for **2026** is available for sign-ups. Providing flowers for worship is a meaningful way to beautify our sanctuary and honor or remember loved ones or simply to give thanks.

Please remember that flowers **do not need to be expensive**. A simple arrangement is just as lovely, and flowers from your own garden or backyard are always welcome.

When signing up, we kindly ask that you **include a phone number**. This will allow us to send a gentle reminder as your selected date approaches. Thank you for helping make our worship space welcoming and beautiful throughout the year.”

January Birthdays

2nd - Peggy Woodward
5th - Coleston Meyer
6th John McGrath
6th - Sandy Sibley
6th - Harold Wilson
8th - Mary Ann Robinson
10th - Steve Habel
11th - Reggie Drake
13th - Pete Bellamy
13th - Karen McKinnon
16th - Rosemary Smith

20th - Sherry Carter
24th - Chianghua Hereward
25th - Jim Heelan
25th - Roger Paul
28th - Margaret Burke

January Anniversaries

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 28

First Sunday of Christmas

10:30 am Worship/Lessons and Carols - S

Monday, December 29

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, December 30

Wednesday, December 31

Thursday, January 1

Office Closed

Friday, January 2

Saturday, January 3

Sunday, January 4

Second Sunday of Christmas

9:30 am Advent Study - FH

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

Happy New Year!

The church office will be closed

Thursday, January 1st

We Remember in Prayer...

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Joanne Alderman
Clark Benson
Donna Croft
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick
Sophie More

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 12-28	Isa. 63:7-9; Ps. 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-23
M 12-29	Psalm 20; Jeremiah 31:15-22; Luke 19:41-44
T 12-30	Psalm 20; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
W 12-31	Psalm 20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19
T 01-01	Holy Name of Jesus / New Year's Day
F 01-02	Psalm 20; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12
S 01-03	Psalm 72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of a good and gracious God, in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Terri and Brad Hendrix.



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Monday - Thursday

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

Friday
Closed

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