

# *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**

Jane Wilson

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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

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

Ken Shull  
Rev. Lynnette Sills

## †HYMN

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

(Vs. 1, 3 & 5)

Hymnal Number 123

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 BENEDICTION**

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

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### 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**

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