

Tryon Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2026 - 10:30 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

“A Lenten Processional”

Handbell Ensemble

Steve Danyew

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Worship God, who caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We worship God who formed us as a new people through Christ.

Worship God, in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

†HYMN

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

Hymnal Number 166

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, fountain of all life and true home of every heart: our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet, we confess our hearts have sought after our own desires and have neglected the one thing needful. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; help us to turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us home, that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace.

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

“See Ye First”

Hymnal Number 175

Tune: LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Laurin Baker

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 130 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 573

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show”

Handbell Ensemble

Barbara Kinyon

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 186

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Choose Life”

Dr. John McCall

†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*

PRAYER 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

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Chancel Choir

Gilbert Martin

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

"When We Are Living"

Hymnal Number 822

Tune: SOMOS DEL SENOR

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. John McCall

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"My Soul Cries out with a Joyful Shout!"

Jane Wilson

Irish Melody arr. Cooney

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†The congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME REV. DR. JOHN MCCALL

We welcome the Rev. Dr. John McCall to the pulpit this morning. John is a PC (USA) minister serving in domestic and global mission. He has spent the last 27 years as a mission partner with the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan.

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.

Handbell Ensemble

Ringing joyous music this morning is the newly formed TPC Handbell Choir. Members include: Joanne Alderman, Deanna Bancroft, Gayle Casterline, Joanie Hosick, Lee Lindsay, Catherine Lynch, Linda Schutter, Barb Sherer, Patra Sullivan, Deanne Zaeske.

Small Group Discussion

Christian Growth Chair, Michael Meissner, invites you to join him for a discussion and study on prayer this Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Palm Sunday Brunch

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join your church family on Palm Sunday for brunch following the worship service. The cost is \$10 per person. Children 12 and under eat at no charge. Reservations are essential and are available in the Narthex. This is a pay-in-advance activity with no take-outs. See you there!

Dates to Remember

The Tryon Presbyterian Children's Choir will sing **March 29th** (Palm Sunday) and **April 12th**.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Community Maundy Thursday Service

TFAC Amphitheater - 210 Melrose Avenue
Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - Friday, April 3rd

Sanctuary will be open: noon - 3pm
A guided meditation with Rev. Lynnette Sills

Community Easter Sunrise Service

TFAC Amphitheater - 34 Melrose Avenue
Sunday, April 5th at 6:45 am
Breakfast following service at Tryon Baptist

Easter Communion Service

Sunday, April 5th at 10:30 am

Blessing Box

Throughout the month of April, the Missions Committee is collecting much-needed non-food essentials for the Blessing Box in the Narthex. Items especially needed include: toilet paper and tissues, paper towels, dish soap and laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners and disinfectants, and personal hygiene products.

Every donation makes a difference in the lives of local families. Thank you for helping us support our neighbors in need with dignity and care.

Together in Prayer

In May, we will begin a new ministry to, “carry each other’s burdens,” by offering an opportunity for intercessory prayer after the church service. Please give prayerful consideration to being a member of one of the prayer teams. You may select your prayer team partner, or one will be assigned to you. Your commitment will be to serve one or two Sundays each month.

For those called to this ministry, we will have a light lunch and time of training and discussion on **Sunday, April 26**, following the church service.

For more information, please contact:

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Parish Associate, Lynnette Sills, lrj.sills52@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 22

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Lent Study - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Missions Lunch - FH

Monday, March 23

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, March 24

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

12:00 pm Staff Meeting - JCR

4:15 pm Children's Choir - CR

5:30 pm Session Meeting - JCR

Wednesday, March 25

2:30 pm Lenten Small Group - S

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Small Group Discussion - FH

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, March 26

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

9:30 am Lent Study - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Palm Sunday Brunch - FH

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

Joanne Alderman
Doris Clark
Donna Croft
Donald Hawthorne
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick

LAURELWOODS - COLUMBUS

Lila Corpening

CARE OF LAKEWOOD

Esther Taylor

RESTORATION AT WESTGATE

Betty Brewer

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Holly Muir
(*Gail Muir's daughter*)

Sgt. Seth Walker
(*Alyssa Walker's brother*)

...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	03-22	Ezek. 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
M	03-23	Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12
T	03-24	Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10
W	03-25	Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33
T	03-26	Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Sam. 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11
F	03-27	Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30
S	03-28	Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory
of God and in loving memory of
my husband Pete Mahler and
my mother Ruth Chapin.*

by
Nancy Mahler



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