

Tryon Presbyterian Church

December 21, 2025 - 10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

"Christmas Medley"

Barbara Tilly, flute

Handel; arr Wade and Murray

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Mike and Laurin Baker

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life".

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

"Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard." (Isaiah 58:8)

(The lighting of the fourth candle of Advent)

RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymnal Number 88

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

(congregation sings refrain)

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

†HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

Hymnal Number 140

Tune: IRBY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess to you that in the rushing to get things done we make ourselves less peaceful. Filled with impatience we bicker with each other. Consumed with busyness we are irritable. Instill with us your peace, O God, when we feel overwhelmed. Instill with us your peace, to make choices that bring us closer to you and each other.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Terri Hendrix

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 91

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - THE NATIVITY STORY

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

"On a Starlit Night"

Children's Choir

Jill Gallina

CHRISTMAS CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

(Verse 1 - Choir)

Hymnal Number 121

Tune: ST. LOUIS

(Verse 2 - Congregation)

CHRISTMAS CAROL

"The First Nowell"

(Verses 1 & 2)

Hymnal Number 147

Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL

ANTHEM

"Cradle Lullaby"

Chancel Choir

Lewis G. Scharpf, Jr.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (Verses 1 & 2)

Hymnal Number 119
Tune: MENDELSSOHN

CHRISTMAS CAROL

"Away in a Manger" (All 3 verses)

Hymnal Number 115
Tune: MUELLER

SOLO

"Lullaby"

Gayle Casterline

CHRISTMAS CAROL

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" (Verses 1, 2 & 5)

Hymnal Number 119
Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT

CHRISTMAS CAROL

"Joy to the World" (All 3 verses)

Hymnal Number 134
Tune: ANTIOCH

*A special thank you to Deanna Bancroft and Jane Wilson
for directing the Christmas Pageant.*

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Noel Nouvelet"

Jane Wilson
David Cherwien

†**DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal Number 606
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

†**HYMN**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Hymnal Number 136
Tune: Go TELL IT

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Dr. Purtill

†**CARRYING CHRIST’S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD**

POSTLUDE

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Jane Wilson
Phil Lehenbauer

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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.

Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Communion Service will be Wednesday, December 24th at 6:00 pm.



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.

Christmas Caroling Today!

Attention church family: Today is the day for our annual Christmas Caroling! All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of joyful noise and pizza! Meet at the church at 4pm.

Advent Study

The Advent Study will not be meeting next Sunday, Dec. 28th, but will resume on Sunday, Jan. 4th with our final lesson in the study.

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."

Come Ring in the New Year With Us!

We are starting a new bell choir at Tryon Presbyterian Church and would love to invite you to join us on Thursday, January 8th at 3:30 pm in the choir room. You do not need to have prior experience, just a love of music and a desire to ring and make a joyful sound in our worship services. Contact Jane Wilson for more information at 610-212-6803 or musicministry.jane@gmail.com

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Advent Study - FH

10:30 am Worship/Pageant - S

4:00 pm Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 22

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, December 23

Wednesday, December 24

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion Service - S

Thursday, December 25

Friday, December 26

Saturday, December 27

Sunday, December 28

First Sunday of Christmas

10:30 am Worship/Lessons and Carols - 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

Merry Christmas!

The church office will be closed
December 24th - December 26th

We Remember in Prayer...

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Joanne Alderman
Donna Croft
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

MISSION HOSPITAL - ASHEVILLE

Clark Benson

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.

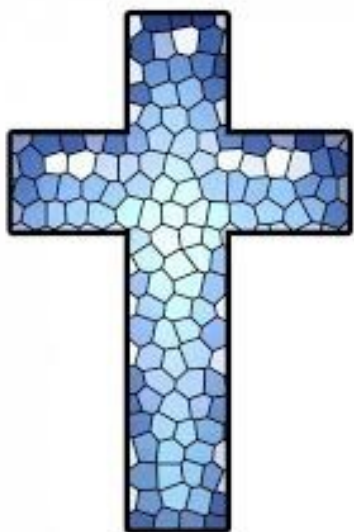
Daily Bible Readings For This Week

S	12-21	Isa. 35:1-10; Ps. 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matt. 11:2-11
M	12-22	Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22, Rev. 22:6-7, 18-20
T	12-23	Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Gal. 3:6-14
W	12-24	Isa. 9:2-7; Ps. 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
T	12-25	Isa. 62:6-12; Ps. 97; Titus 3:4-7; John 1:1-14
F	12-26	Psalms 148; Proverbs 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8
S	12-27	Psalms 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of
God and in honor of our anniversary.

- *Bill and Patra Sullivan*



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(11:30-12:30 lunch hour)

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Closed

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