Tryon Presbyterian Church

November 15, 2026 - 10:30 am

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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 — Cliff and Janet Joens
"Canon in D" — Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements — Dr. Allan Purtill

Reception Of New Members

†Call To Worship — Rev. Lynnette Sills

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

†Hymn — Hymnal Number 610
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" — Tune: AZMON

Prayer of Confession

God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts. You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge, and yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need. Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given, that it might be returned in service to you.

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
"Alleluia!"

Hymnal Number 587
Tune: Celtic Alleluia

Proclaiming the Word of God

Time With Young Disciples Rev. Lynnette Sills

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

Prayer For Illumination Terri Hendrix

First Scripture Reading Pew Bible, Old Testament page 572

Psalm 123 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem Chancel Choir and Pam McNeil, accompanist

"Saints Bound for Heaven" Shaw/Parker

Second Scripture Reading Dr. Allan Purtill

Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV) Pew Bible, New Testament page 28

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Leave the Shovel Behind" Dr. Allan Purtill

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed -Traditional Version **Hymnal page 35**

Veteran's Prayer And The Lord's Prayer MAJ Michael Meissner

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 Jane Wilson

"Love Diving, All Love's Excelling" Johann S. Bach, arr. Pritchard

†Doxology
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Hymnal Number 606
Tune: Old Hundredth

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn
"How Firm a Foundation"
Hymnal Number 463
Tune: Foundation

Congregational Meeting

Sending of The Church

†Charge And Benediction
Dr. Allan Purtill

†Carrying Christ's Light And Love Into The World

Postlude
"Trumpetings"
Jane Wilson
Henry Purcell

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

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available.

Welcome To Our New TPC Members

Allen Burdett, Joining by Transfer of Letter
Betsy Burdett, Joining by Transfer of Letter
Steve Habel, Joining by Affirmation of Faith
Robert Hazelwood, Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith
Samantha Hazelwood, Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith
Nathan Jackson, Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith
Rachel Jackson, Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith
Bob Stanfield, Joining by Transfer of Letter
Cindy Stanfield, Joining by Transfer of Letter
Robert Thomas, Joining by Transfer of Letter
Stella O'Harra, Joining by Transfer of Letter
Greg White, Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith
Patricia O'Brien, Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith
Oren Wood, Joining by Affirmation of Faith

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 or greeters this morning. If you are interested in learning more about Tryon Presbyterian or church membership, contact the church office.

Ministry for Children

Things are happening for children at TPC. Here's what's going on: All children of all ages are welcome in worship. Worship bags and materials are available for children of all ages in the Narthex. Nursery care is available for children ages 0-2. After the "Time with Young Disciples" in worship, chil-dren ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church where children will have time for faith formation. 4th and 5th graders will find new learning materials and books in the Narthex to use during worship.

Stewardship: Giving Joyfully

Our stewardship campaign has officially ended, but there is still time to return your estimate of giving card, or pledge card. These can be placed in the offering plate or in the box in the narthex. Thanks to all who have submitted their pledges. We pray you can take joy in what your support is accomplishing with God's grace.

Blessing Box Holiday Food Drive

As we prepare for the upcoming holiday season, we invite our congregation to share the blessings of the season by donating food items to our Blessing Box. Through November and December, needed items such as canned fruit for pies, boxed stuffing, cornbread mix, jellied cranberry sauce, gravy packets, canned meats, canned pasta, canned soups and stews, and canned vegetables such as sweet potatoes, corn, and greens may be placed in the container in the Narthex. Every donation, big or small, helps us share God's love and provide a little extra comfort and joy to those in need this holiday season. Thank you for your generosity and caring hearts!

Early Thanksgiving Dinner

Today is the last day to sign up and pay for the Early Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 19th at 5:30 p.m. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Jacque Headden at Jacque.headden@gmail.com.

Sunday Fellowship Openings

Please consider taking one of these dates to ensure that we have Sunday Fellowship: November 22nd or 29th.

Gingerbread House Excursion

On Wednesday, December 2, TPC Excursions will go to the Grove Park Inn to view the Gingerbread Houses. We will leave the church between 9 and 10 am, travel to Asheville for a “Dutch treat” lunch and a trip to the Grove Park Inn. The cost is $25 per person. While space is limited, this trip offers seats to more people. Sign up in the Narthex or email Cindy Caldwell at cindycaldwell921@gmail.com to reserve your seat.

Music Notes

Throughout November and December, you will hear a wonderful array of music and musicians during worship. Here is a preview:

November 22nd

Buddy Deshler, trumpet
Tryon Presbyterian Church Community Children’s Choir

November 29th

Special music by the Chancel Choir for the first Sunday of Advent

December 6th

Elaine Grella, flute
Tryon Presbyterian Church Community Children’s Choir

December 13th

Tryon Presbyterian Adult Handbell Choir
Buddy Deshler, trumpet

December 20th

Annual Christmas Pageant during morning worship

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 pm

Chancel Choir, Celtic harp, guitar, flute and soloists

As always, we are especially blessed by our dedicated and talented Chancel Choir each and every Sunday morning!!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 15

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Called Session Meeting - FH
10:30 am Worship - S
11:30 am Congregational Meeting - S

Monday, November 16

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR
6:30 pm Community Chorus

Tuesday, November 17

11:00 am Staff Meeting - JCR
3:30 pm Children's Choir - CR
4:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting - JCR

Wednesday, November 18

2:00 pm Seekers Bible Study - JCR
3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR
4:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous - EB
6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, November 19

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH
3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR
5:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinner - FH

Friday, November 20

Saturday, November 21

Sunday, November 22

Christ the King Sunday

10:30 am Worship - S
11:30 am Congregational Meeting - 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

We Remember in Prayer...

Members of the Church

Joanne Alderman
Russell Alderman
Donna Croft
Bill Daniel
Jeanie Daniel
Donald Hawthorne
Rachel Ramsey
Betsy Zeek

Tryon Estates Medical - Columbus

Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick

Care of Lakewood

Esther Taylor

Restoration at Westgate

Betty Brewer

Friends of the Church

Holly Muir
(*Gail Muir's daughter*)
Rachel Tawney
(*Kim Boswood's daughter*)

...our church family and staff

...our partner school, Sunny View Elementary School

Those in the Military

Sgt. Seth Walker
(*Terri Hendrix's nephew*)

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	11-15	Judg. 4:1-7; Ps. 123; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30
M	11-16	Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10; Judges 4:8-24; Romans 2:1-11
T	11-17	Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10; Exodus 2:1-10; 1 Thess. 5:12-18
W	11-18	Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10; Esther 7:1-10; Matthew 24:45-51
T	11-19	Psalm 100; Genesis 48:15-22; Revelation 14:1-11
F	11-20	Psalm 100; Isaiah 40:1-11; Revelation 22:1-9
S	11-21	Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:25-31; Matthew 12:46-50

Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our son, Michael Matthew Brown.

- Art and Caroline Brown

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