

Tryon Presbyterian Church

May 11, 2025 - 10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

"Blest Are They"

Folk Ensemble
Hass

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home
on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

**Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes
the weary.**

Come now, all who thirst and drink the water of life.

**Come now, all who hunger and be filled with
good things.**

Come now, all who seek, and be warmed by the
fire of love.

†HYMN

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Hymnal Number 300

Tune: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, I humbly ask you to make me like a tree planted by the
waterside, that I may bring forth fruits of good living in due season.
Forgive my past sins, sanctify me now, and direct all that I should be
in the future, for Christ's sake.**

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

“Though I May Speak” (verse 3)

Hymnal Number 693

Tune: GIFT OF LOVE

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sandy Sibley

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-11 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 685

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“The Sound of His Voice as the Dulcimer Sweet”

(SAMANTHRA, Southern Harmony, 1835)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9:1-11 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 183

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Garden”

Amy McGrath

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalms 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Purtill

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

Folk Ensemble

"Come! Live in the Light!"

Haas

†DOXOLOGY

Hymnal Number 606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

Hymnal Number 649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Tune: AMAZING GRACE

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Folk Ensemble

"Come! Live in the Light!"

Haas

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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 Purtil at RevAllanPurtill@gmail.com or call the church office at (828) 859-6683. 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.

Advance Placement (AP) Testing

Tryon Presbyterian Church will be a testing site for Polk County High School students this week. Most of the testing will take place from 8 am until noon. Small groups and committees can continue to meet in rooms not utilized for testing. Please be sure to follow the "Quiet Please" signs when testing is in progress.

Faith Seeking Understanding

This summer Dr. Purtil will be preaching a sermon series on questions from you. Do you have a question you would like considered for a sermon? If so, please send it to him by email or write it down and drop it off at the church office. Your name will not be shared. He doesn't have all the answers, but he looks forward to pursuing understanding with you as we engage God's Word together.

Listening Session

The Music Search Committee invites your input at a listening session led by Ken Shull on Tuesday, May 13th at 11:00 am at the Tryon Estates Chapel.

BBQ and Strawberries and Blue Jeans

Wear your jeans and join the TPC family for BBQ and strawberry desserts! Save the date for May 14th at 5:30 pm, to enjoy fabulous food and fellowship. This is a pre-pay event where reservations are essential to our planning. See a member of the Fellowship Committee in the Narthex after church today. The cost is \$8 per person, children under 12 are \$1. Registration deadline is May 12th.

New Inspirational Books join Collection

You will find these new inspirational books on the desk in the TPC library:

- “Have a Little Faith” by Mitch Albom
- “Second Thoughts about the Second Coming” by Robert Cornwall and R.J. Allen
- “Works of Mercy” by Sally Thomas
- “The Cost of Discipleship” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- “Strength to Love” by Martin Luther King Jr.
- “Sources of Strength: Meditations on Scripture for a Living Faith” by Jimmy Carter
- “A Rhythm of Prayer” by Sarah Bessy
- “American Grace” by Robert Putnam

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Children's Sunday School - EB

9:30 am Adult Sunday School - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

Monday, May 12

4:00 pm Lydia Circle - TE

Tuesday, May 13

10:00 am Missions Committee - JCR

11:00 am Listening Session - TE

Wednesday, May 14

2:00 pm Search Committee - JCR

3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - CR

5:30 pm BBQ/Strawberry Social - FH

Thursday, May 15

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

1:00 pm Congregational Care - EB

2:00 pm Property Committee - EB

Friday, May 16

Saturday, May 17

Sunday, May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Children's Sunday School - EB

9:30 am Adult Sunday School - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

5:00 pm Glory Girls - 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

Donna Croft
Emma Pruette
Judy Warden

RIDGE REST - COLUMBUS

Clark Benson

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick
Tom Hogg

WHITE OAK BENSON HALL - TRYON

Lila Corpening

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Ann Covert
(Dot Kennedy's sister)

Holly Muir
(Gail Muir's daughter)

Anne Shue
(Rennie Habel's sister in law)

...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	05-11	Isa. 53:1-6; Ps. 114; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
M	05-12	Psalm 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Rev. 15:1-4
T	05-13	Psalm 100; Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35
W	05-14	Psalm 100; Jer. 50:17-20; John 10:31-42
T	05-15	Psalm 148; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Rev. 10:1-11
F	05-16	Psalm 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Rev. 11:15
S	05-17	Psalm 148; Daniel 7:27; Rev. 11:16-19

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory
of God and in loving memory
of our son, Rob Hosick*

by
Dave & Joanie Hosick



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

Friday
Closed

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