

# 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**

Psalm 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

"Come! Live in the Light!"

Folk Ensemble

Haas

### †DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

### †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### †HYMN

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Hymnal Number 649

Tune: AMAZING GRACE

## SENDING OF THE CHURCH

### †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

### †CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

### POSTLUDE

"Come! Live in the Light!"

Folk Ensemble

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 Purtill at [RevAllanPurtill@gmail.com](mailto: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. Purtill 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

## 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

## WHITE OAK BENSON HALL - TRYON

Lila Corpening

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