# Tryon Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2026 - 10:30 am

## Twenty-Second 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** — Jane Wilson
"Fanfare in C Major" — Henry Purcell

**Welcome and Announcements** — Dr. Allan Purtill

### †Call To Worship

Blessed be God who gives us the Sabbath
**And leads us to the waters of stillness.**
This is not a day but an attitude,
**A rest in the human heart.**
Welcome the Sabbath, receive the gift.
**Keep the Sabbath, it is made for you:**
Your freedom, your joy, your healing.
**Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

### †Hymn

"Morning Has Broken" — Hymnal Number 664
Tune: BUNESSAN

### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be Christ's loving church to our lonely and confused world. But sometimes, we are more isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Awaken us to your presence through the Holy Spirit.**

*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

Hymnal Number 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wonderous things have done, in whom the world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

# 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

Pew Bible, New Testament page 165

Deuteronomy 8:1-8;13-15 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

"Offertory"

Chancel Choir and Pam McNeil, piano

## Second Scripture Reading

Pew Bible, New Testament page 120

Acts 2:42-47 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

## Sermon

"In Good Company"

Dr. Allan Purtill

## †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 Pi-late, 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***

## Pastoral 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** — Jane Wilson
"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" — Neumark arr. Behnke

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## †Prayer of Dedication

**†Hymn** — Hymnal Number 606
"To God Be the Glory" — Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

## Sending of The Church

**†Charge And Benediction** — Dr. Allan Purtill

## †Carrying Christ's Light And Love Into The World

**Postlude** — Jane Wilson
"All Creatures of Our God and King" — Hal Hopson

*Intercessory prayer is available in the transepts following worship.*

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

## Ministry for Children

Some new 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, children 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.

## Halloween Party

All families are invited to meet at the church on Thursday, October 29 at 5pm for a Halloween Party in "The Rock" Sunday School classroom. Join your friends for pumpkin painting, crafts, snacks, and movie time: ***It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown***. Wear your costumes if you like. Contact Jamie Graber at 828-817-9225 for more information.

## Early Thanksgiving Dinner

The Fellowship Committee will host an Early Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, October 19. This is a popular meal with turkey and all the Thanksgiving trimmings. The cost is $10 per person-pay in advance; with children 12 and under free. Reservations are essential. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Jacque Headden at Jacque.headden@gmail.com

## Giving

The giving of our tithes and offerings is an expression of gratitude for God's grace. It also symbolizes the offering of ourselves to love and serve as Christ's body. Offering plates are in the Narthex. Gifts may also be made online or by scanning the QR code

## Stewardship: Giving Joyfully

This year as we are discerning our financial gift to God for the ministry of the church, we will also be invited to consider the gift of our time in service to the church. There are two “pledge” cards, one for our money, the other for our time. Please pick up the cards in the narthex. We pray you can take joy in what your support is accomplishing with God’s grace. Please return the cards by October 31st.

## New Member Sunday

If you have been considering making Tryon Presbyterian Church your home, we welcome you! Dr. Purtill will lead a brief orientation at 9:45 am on Sunday, November 1st. A continental breakfast will be served and children are welcome. New members will be received into the church family on Sunday, November 15, 2026. For more information, please contact Susan Speight at 803-429-6242 or email scspeight@windstream.net.

## Guatemala Trip

The Missions Committee is looking for four members of our congregation to travel to Guatemala with a delegation of other churches led by the WNC Presbytery. The purpose of this trip is to prayerfully discern the possibility of establishing a Guatemala Sister Church. The trip is set for January 27th through February 1st

The Missions Committee hopes to find a congregation in Guatemala that we can develop a meaningful partnership with based on our mutual faith, friendship and service to God. If you are feeling called, please reach out to Stephanie Greene at mezesaro@aol.com. The only requirements are an open heart and a willingness to serve.

## Blessing Box Holiday Food Drive

In preparation for the upcoming holiday season, our congregation is asked to share blessings of the season by donating to our Blessing Box through November and December. Items including boxed stuffing, cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, gravy packets, canned fruit, beef, chicken, pasta, soups, stews, sweet potatoes, corn, and greens may be placed in the container in the Narthex. Every donation, large or small, helps us share God’s love. Thank you for your generosity and caring hearts!

# This Week's Calendar

**Sunday, October 25**
*Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 am Worship - S
5:00 pm Kirkin' of the Tartan

**Monday, October 26**
3:30 pm PW-Co Team - JCR
4:30 pm Personnel Committee
5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR
6:30 pm Community Chorus - FH

**Tuesday, October 27**
10:30 pm Small Group Meeting - JCR
3:30 pm Children's Choir - JCR
5:30 pm Session Meeting - JCR

**Wednesday, October 28**
3:00 pm Fellowship Committee - JCR Bible
3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR
4:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous - EB
6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

**Thursday, October 29**
3:30 pm Bell Choir – CR
5:00 pm Halloween Party-EB

**Friday, October 30**

**Saturday, October 31**

**Sunday, November 1**
*Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*
10:30 am Worship - 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*)

## From Linda Clement

Thank you for the loving thoughts, prayers, and sympathy showed to me at the death of my brother. Your kindness has touched me deeply.

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

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| **S** | 10-25 | Psalm 119:41-48; Numbers 22:38-39; James 2:8-13 |
| **M** | 10-26 | Psalm 119:41-48; Deut. 6:1-9; 20-25; James 2:8-13 |
| **T** | 10-27 | Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35; James 2:14-26 |
| **W** | 10-28 | Psalm 119:41-48; Deut. 26:16-27:7; Matthew 19:16-22 |
| **T** | 10-29 | Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 1:1-11; Romans 2:17-29 |
| **F** | 10-30 | Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:1-14; 2Peter 2:1-1 |
| **S** | 10-31 | Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2: 15-24; Matthew 23:13-28 |

## Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our children, Jennifer and Mikel, and their families.*

Denny and Betty Hill

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8 am - 11:30 am, 12:30 pm - 5 pm
Friday
Closed

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