

Tryon Presbyterian Church

March 16, 2025 - 10:30 am

Second Sunday in Lent

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

"Fantasia in C"

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy McGrath

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stephanie Greene

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom
shall we fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of our life;
of whom shall we be afraid?**

We seek your face, O Lord. Do not hide
your face from us!

Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!

Make us strong, and let our hearts take courage.

We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!

†HYMN

"God Is My Strong Salvation"

Hymnal Number 841

Tune: WEDLOCK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you made a covenant with us, and invite us to walk with you. Yet we resist. We find other companions, take different routes, believe we know best. Have mercy on our waywardness, and help us find our way back.

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 423

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Tune: SARADAY

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brittany Meissner

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 27 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 503

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hopkins

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtill

Luke 9:37-43a (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 70

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Taking God Seriously”

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*

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

"Soliloquy"

Debra Bridges
McKelvey

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Hymnal Number 435
Tune: IN BABILONE

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in F Major"

Debra Bridges
Telemann

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

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available.

Please see an usher for assistance.

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 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.

TPC Welcomes Spring with Sunday Lunch

Welcome Springtime 2025 by joining your church family for **Sunday Lunch, March 23!** There is no cost for this meal which follows the worship service. However, you are asked to bring dishes according to your last name: **A-H: Dessert; I-Q: Vegetable; R-Z: Salad**. The church will provide meat, macaroni pie, and green beans for this occasion. Sign up forms are in the pews and can be placed in the offering plates or speak to a member of the Fellowship Team after the service today.

Fish Fry Fundraiser

The TPC Scholarship Committee is having their annual Fish Fry fundraiser on Saturday, March 29th from 3-6 pm at the church. This will be take out only. Tickets are \$20 for Fish and/or Shrimp combo. Signup in the Narthex before or after worship.

Please contact Stephanie Greene for more information at (646) 612-0878 or mezesaro@aol.com.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday , April 12,2025 at 10:00 am. This event is open to all area children ages 2-10. Preregistration is needed as space is limited and is available on our website. Volunteers are needed to help with the activities. We also need volunteers to provide cookies and/or cupcakes for the refreshment table.

Contact Rennie Habel at efhabel@yahoo.com or (828) 674-6902 if you are able to help.

Sermon Notes

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 16

Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Children's Sunday School - EB

9:30 am Adult Sunday School - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

Monday, March 17

6:30 pm Community Chorus - FH

Tuesday, March 18

1:30 pm Staff Meeting - JCR

Wednesday, March 19

8:30 am Lenten Study - JCR

3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - CR

Thursday, March 20

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

Friday, March 21

Saturday, March 22

9:30 am Grief Share - JCR

Sunday, March 23

Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Children's Sunday School - EB

9:30 am Adult Sunday School - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Sunday Lunch - 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	03-16	Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
M	03-17	Psalms 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12
T	03-18	Psalms 105:1-42; Num. 14:10b-24; 1 Cor. 10:1-13
W	03-19	Psalms 105:1-42; 2 Chron. 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31
T	03-20	Psalms 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11
F	03-21	Psalms 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6
S	03-22	Psalms 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory
of God and in loving honor of
Randy Boswood and all who
have and currently serve in
our nations armed forces.*

- Kim Boswood



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Friday
Closed

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