

Tryon Presbyterian Church

November 30, 2025 - 10:30 am

First Sunday of Advent

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

"Noel"

Jane Wilson

Claude Louis Daquin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Rodger Walker and Susan Woodcock

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life".

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

(The lighting of the first candle of Advent)

RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymnal Number 88

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

(congregation sings refrain)

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

†HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymnal Number 82

Tune: HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have not waited for your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of people around us. We have not hoped for your coming. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will, work for your kingdom, and trust your coming!

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!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Charlie Fisher

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 631

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"An Advent Acclamation"

Chancel Choir

Arr. Stacey Nordmeyer

(Michael Carruth, percussion)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtill

Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 27

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Trust That God Knows"

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 Pilate, 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

"In Dulci Jubilo"

Jane Wilson
Johann Sebastian Bach

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal Number 606
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

"People, Look East"

Hymnal Number 105
Tune: BESANCON

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Seven Fold Amen"

Chancel Choir
John Stainer

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"Branle de l' Official" (Christmas Bells)

Jane Wilson
Phil Lehenbauer

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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. 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.

Stewardship: Treasure Hunt for Grace

This a reminder to return your estimate of giving card. You may return them to the treasure chest in the narthex, you may place them in the offering plate, or email Kim in the church office. Thank you!

Men's Bible & Breakfast

Gentlemen, It's Christmas Time and we hope you're ready for our year's end Bible Breakfast! Join us on Thursday, December 4th at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a devotional provided by Mike Carruth. Join us for a great breakfast and fellowship. See you there!

Tryon Family Christmas Drop-in

You don't want to miss our Family Christmas Drop-in on Saturday, December 13th, from 5:30-7:00 PM. We have planned a wonderful family-oriented evening with hot hors d'oeuvres. Please bring a Christmas ornament to decorate our Fellowship Hall Christmas tree and a canned good to support the Blessing Box ministry. ***While there is no cost for this event, reservations are essential.*** Please sign up in the Narthex or email Jacque Headden at jacque.headden@gmail.com.

TPC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Advent Study

Sundays, November 30th - January 4th
9:30 am - Fellowship Hall

Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, December 7th
9:30 am - Fellowship Hall

TPC Family Christmas Drop-In

Saturday, December 13th
5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 14th
Meet at the church at 4:00 pm

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 21st
10:30 am - Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Wednesday, December 24th
6:00 pm - Sanctuary

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 28th
10:30 am - Sanctuary



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Advent Study - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

Monday, December 1

10:30 am Naomi Circle - JCR

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, December 2

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - CH

Wednesday, December 3

1:30 pm Intercessory Prayer - JCR

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, December 4

8:00 am Men's Bible & Breakfast - FH

11:30 am Tryon Rotary Club - FH

6:30 am Girl Scouts Leadership - EB

Friday, December 5

Saturday, December 6

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Advent Study/Sunday Breakfast - FH

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
Clark Benson
Donna Croft
Nancy Rose
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick
Sophie More

LAURELWOODS - COLUMBUS

Lila Corpening

CARE OF LAKEWOOD

Esther Taylor

RESTORATION AT WESTGATE

Betty Brewer

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Emily Helmick
(*Janet Gilchrist's sister*)

Holly Muir
(*Gail Muir's daughter*)

Marks Speight
(*Charlie Speight's son*)

...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	11-30	Isa. 2:1-5; Ps.122; Rom.13:11-14; Matt. 24:36-44
M	12-01	Psalms 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11
T	12-02	Psalms 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40
W	12-03	Psalms 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35
T	12-04	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26
F	12-05	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25
S	12-06	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory
of God and in honor of the
Advent season.*

- Charlie & Lynette Fisher



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Closed

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