

Tryon Presbyterian Church

August 3, 2025 - 10:30 am
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

“Variations on an Early American Hymn Tune”

Jane Wilson
Gilbert Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know
when I sit down and when I rise up.

**Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I flee
from your presence?**

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in
Sheol, you are there.

**If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the
farthest limits of the sea,**

even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand
shall hold me fast.

We praise you, O God, for your abiding presence.

†HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Hymnal Number 317
Tune: ST. PETER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynnette Sills

Lord, I come to you. Let my heart be changed, renewed, flowing from
the grace I've found in You. And, Lord, I've come to know the weak-
nesses I see in me will be stripped away by the power of your love.
Hold me close, let Your love surround me. Bring me near, draw me to
Your side.

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

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

(Verse 1)

Hymnal Number 240

Tune: ALLELUIA No. 1

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Allan Purtill

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-28 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 137

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Mystery of our Faith”

Dr. Allan Purtill

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

Jane Wilson

Wilbur Held

†DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal Number 606

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Lynnette Sills

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dr. Allan Purtill

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God... We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"This Do in Remembrance of Me"

Summer Singers

Judy Hunnicutt

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Rev. Lynnette Sills

†HYMN

"O God of Every Nation"

Hymnal Number 756

Tune: LLANGLOFFAN

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

†CHOIR BENEDICTION

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Tune: RANDOLPH

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

"My Heart Ever Faithful"

Jane Wilson

J. S. Bach

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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 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.

Men's Bible & Breakfast

Please join us Thursday, August 7th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for our Men's Bible & Breakfast. We will enjoy fellowship and Mike Carruth's devotional with Team Pete delivering a hot breakfast. See you there!

Back to School Party at Camp Skyuka

Everyone is invited to an afternoon of fun at Camp Skyuka on Saturday, August 9th from 12pm to 2pm. Bring your bathing suit and/or your fishing rod to celebrate the end of summer! Lunch will be served so please RSVP to Amy at childrensministry.tpc@gmail.com by Thursday, August 7th.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Attention students and teachers! We invite you to bring your backpacks or work bags to be blessed during worship on Sunday, August 10th. As a new school year begins we want to make sure our students and teachers are surrounded with love, prayer, and a blessing for the new year!

Shepherd Ministry

Anyone who has been involved in Stephen Ministry work is invited to attend an informational meeting about the new Shepherd Ministry at Tryon Presbyterian Church.

You are invited to attend one of the meetings to be held on:

- Sunday, August 10, 2025 after worship in The Rock Sunday School Room
- Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm in The Rock Sunday School Room

For more information, contact Lynnette Sills at lrj.sills52@gmail.com

Summer Supper

Please mark your calendar and join your Fellowship Team for a **Summer Supper** on Wednesday, August 13, at 5:30 PM. Delicious salads and a fabulous peach dessert are menu items. The pay in advance is \$8.00 per adult (ages 12 and above) and \$1.00 per child (11 and under). There will be no takeouts as this is an event to build TPC Family relationships. We hope to see you there!

Ladies, You're Invited!

Ready to laugh, connect, and grow in your faith? Join *The Glory Girls* for an inspiring and fun women's Bible study on *Why We Need Girlfriends* by Frankie Sherman! This uplifting study dives into the power of godly friendships and the joy that comes from doing life together. Whether you're new to church or a longtime member, this is a beautiful chance to build lasting bonds and strengthen your walk with Christ. Bring a friend, and come ready to be encouraged! Study will be the second Sunday night of each month beginning on Sunday, September 14th at 5:00 pm. For details or to sign up, contact Terri Hendrix at 864-381-1180.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, August 3

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Called Session Meeting - JCR

Monday, August 4

Tuesday, August 5

Wednesday, August 6

1:30 pm Intercessory Prayer Group - JCR

Thursday, August 7

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

2:00 pm Property Committee

Friday, August 8

Saturday, August 9

12-2pm Back to School Party - Camp Skyuka

Sunday, August 10

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Shepherd Ministry - EB

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

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



We Remember in Prayer...

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Donna Croft
Emma Pruette
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

RIDGE REST - COLUMBUS

Clark Benson

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick
Tom Hogg

LAURELWOODS - COLUMBUS

Lila Corpening

RESTORATION AT WESTGATE

Betty Brewer

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Emily Helmick
(*Janet Gilchrist'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	08-03	Hosea 11:1-11; Ps. 107:1-9, 43; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21
M	08-04	Psalms 60; Hosea 11:12-12:14; Colossians 3:18-4:1
T	08-05	Psalms 60; Hosea 13:1-16; Colossians 4:2-6
W	08-06	Psalms 60; Hosea 14:1-9; Luke 12:22-31
T	08-07	Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:8-17; Romans 9:1-9
F	08-08	Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:18-10:4; Acts 7:1-8
S	08-09	Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23; Matt. 6:19-24



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Monday - Thursday

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

Friday
Closed

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