

Tryon Presbyterian Church

March 23, 2025 - 10:30 am

Third 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

Erica Pauly

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are our God;

our souls thirst for you, as in a dry and weary land.

We have looked upon you in the sanctuary;

we have seen your power and glory.

Our lips will praise you as long as we live;

we lift up our hearts and call on your name.

†HYMN

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Hymnal Number 415

Tune: RESTORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Benevolent God, even though we are sinners, you extend your steadfast love to us. A full life with you requires us to deny ourselves. Forgive us when we let go of the cross of selfless love. Correct us when in our comfort we neglect a friend or neighbor in need. You offer all that we need, that we may not hunger or thirst. Give us grateful hearts, that we make seek you with our lives. Amen.

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

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Hymnal Number 423

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

Charlie Fisher

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-9 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 685

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Chancel Choir
W A Mozart

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV)

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Pew Bible, New Testament page 76

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Jesus Raises a Stink”

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

Erica Pauly

†DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal Number 606

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Hymnal Number 65

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Erica Pauly

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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.

Do you Know the Answers to these Seven Bible Questions?

You will find the questions and answers on the desk in our library with several of our books.

1. How did the Bible become a book with the King of England's name on it?
2. Do we actually have any copies of ancient scripture?
3. What is the first and last book written in the New Testament? Hint: It is not Matthew and Revelation.
4. Is it true that Thomas Jefferson wrote a Bible?
5. Are there any other Gospels that we don't have in the New Testament that are in our library?
6. What is the Apocrypha?
7. Why doesn't the Bible read like we talk and say, "You all just need to love each other, ya hear?"

Carolyn Thompson, TPC Librarian

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Community Maundy Thursday Service

The Congregational Church - 210 Melrose Avenue
Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm

Good Friday - Friday, April 18th

Sanctuary open for prayer, 8am - noon
Prayer guides will be available.

Community Easter Sunrise Service

TFAC Amphitheater - 34 Melrose Avenue
Sunday, April 20th at 6:30 am

Breakfast following service at Tryon Baptist

Easter Communion Service

Sunday, April 20th at 10:30 am

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

Monday, March 24

6:30 pm Community Chorus - FH

Tuesday, March 25

12:00 pm Mom's Bible Study - EB
1:30 pm Staff Meeting - JCR
5:30 pm Session Meeting - JCR

Wednesday, March 26

8:30 am Lenten Study - JCR
3:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - CR

Thursday, March 27

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

Friday, March 28

Saturday, March 29

9:30 am Grief Share - JCR

Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Children's Sunday School - EB
9:30 am Adult Sunday School - JCR
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

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 Corpenering

FIENDS 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 03-23	Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
M 03-24	Psalm 39; Jer. 11:1-17; Romans 2:1-11
T 03-25	Psalm 39; Ezek. 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16
W 03-26	Psalm 39; Num. 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21
T 03-27	Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Cor. 4:16-5:5
F 03-28	Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Cor. 5:6-15
S 03-29	Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10



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

Friday
Closed

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