

Tryon Presbyterian Church

May 17 2026 - 10:30 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

“A Festive Trumpet Tune on Simple Gifts”

Jane Wilson
Phil Lehebauer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the righteous be joyful!

**Sing to God; sing praises to God’s name; lift up
a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.**

Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.

†HYMN

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Hymnal Number 645
Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother, and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you.

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

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Hymnal Number 591

Tune: HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Lynnette Sills

Children may be dismissed to Children’s Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brittany and Viola Meissner

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-10 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 577

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“Ride On, King Jesus”

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Patti Drennan

(Pam McNeil, piano and Michael Carruth, percussion)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtil

John 17:1-11 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 111

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SERMON

“The Knowledge of God and Ourselves”

Dr. Allan Purtil

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Lynnette Sills

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*

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lynnette Sills

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

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Southern Harmony, arr. Albert Zabel

†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 203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Tune: CHEREPONI

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Jane Wilson

“Festival Postlude”

Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

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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 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.

May Study

Where are the words of the Prophets? Not always popular but always true, the words of the prophets are often found on the periphery of society. Though they roar, their words are often ignored by their intended audience. Come and delve into the prophet Amos with Dr. Allan Purtill on Sundays in the month of May at 9:30 am in the Jones Conference Room. There will be pre-school childcare and Faith Formation activities for children and youth.

May Life Story

The Life Story series has been very interesting and provides an opportunity for our church family to gather to learn about one of our church members. On Wednesday, May 20, Art Brown will share his story with us at Calvert's Kitchen in Columbus at 12 noon. Sign up in the Narthex or email Janet Gilchrist at jsg138@hotmail.com.

Celebrate Summer at Twin Lakes

Thursday, June 4th 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Picnic Fare, and Drinks Provided. (No Cost). Come to Swim, Fish (bring your own gear), and Have Fun! Directions to Twin Lakes are available in the Narthex.

Steeped in Hope

The Presbyterian Women invite you to “Steeped in Hope,” a delightful afternoon tea on Sunday, June 7, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for an uplifting time of fellowship and refreshments, all in support of our local community. Proceeds will benefit the Polk County Helene Long Term Recovery Group.

Tickets are available in the Narthex for \$25.00 - be sure to purchase yours early! Come share tea, build community, and make a difference - one cup of hope at a time.

Music Notes

Our faithful Chancel Choir will be taking some much needed time off this summer! June 14th will be the last official choir Sunday with the new choir season resuming on Wednesday, August 19th. Throughout the summer you will hear a variety of small ensembles, solos, duets, sacred jazz ensembles and instrumentalists each Sunday morning. Our talented Chancel Choir members will be singing next to you in the congregation.

I encourage each of you to sing the hymns during worship each Sunday with energy, joy and to the glory of God!

Today’s anthem, “Ride On King Jesus” is a vibrant spiritual arranged by Patti Drennan. It can be seen as either a depiction of Jesus’ triumphal entry (Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12), or given the “milk-white horse” image in stanza 2, Christ’s glorious return in Revelation 19. The claim “no man can hinder me” is reflected in Romans 8:31, “If God is for us, who can be against us?” Enjoy this foot tapping, wonderful arrangement!

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.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 17

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Bible Study - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

5:00 pm Glory Girls - FH

Monday, May 18

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, May 19

12:00 pm Staff Meeting - JCR

1:00 pm Missions Committee - JCR

Wednesday, May 20

12:00 pm Life Story - Calvert's Kitchen

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, May 21

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

1:00 pm Rotary Board Meeting - JCR

3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost Sunday

9:30 am Bible Study - 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

Joanne Alderman
Donna Croft
Donald Hawthorne
Betsy Zeek

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Camilla Dick

LAURELWOODS - COLUMBUS

Lila Corpening

CARE OF LAKEWOOD

Esther Taylor

RESTORATION AT WESTGATE

Betty Brewer

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Holly Muir
(*Gail Muir'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*)

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	05-17	Isa. 45:1-7; Psalm 21:1-7; 1 Peter 4:12-14; John 17:1-11
M	05-18	Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11; 1 Peter 4:1-6
T	05-19	Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11
W	05-20	Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36
T	05-21	Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11
F	05-22	Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17
S	05-23	Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12

Flowers

*The flowers are given by
Gretchen Morris with deep
gratefulness to God for his
blessings of friends, family
and nature.*



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Closed

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