

Tryon Presbyterian Church

February 8, 2026 - 10:30 am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

“Largo” from Sonata in G

Buddy Deshler, trumpet
Jean Baptiste Loeillet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to praise the Lord and make music to
your name, O Most High,

**to proclaim your life in the morning and
your faithfulness at night.**

†HYMN

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

Hymnal Number 33
Tune: LLANFAIR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you placed us in the world to be its salt. We are afraid of committing ourselves, afraid of what “they” might say, and our salt dissolves as if in water. God, you placed us in the world to be its light. We are afraid of the shadows, afraid of poverty. We do not want to know other people’s struggles, and our light slowly fades away. Forgive us, Jesus.

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

“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”

Hymnal Number 71

Tune: FIRST SONG

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rennie Habel

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:9b-12 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, Old Testament page 688

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Siyahamba”

(Mike Carruth, percussion)

Chancel Choir

Victor Johnson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 4

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Who We Are, Why We're Here”

Dr. Allan Purtill

†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 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

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Buddy Deshler, trumpet
Southern Harmony, arr. Jay Althouse

†DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal Number 606
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

Hymnal Number 314
Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Dr. Allan Purtill

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Allan Purtill

†CARRYING CHRIST’S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Siyahamba”

Jane Wilson
Zulu Melody, arr. Vicki Collingsworth

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

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available.

Welcome To Our New TPC Members

Richard and Holly McKee, Joining by Transfer of Letter

Robert and Alice Palmer, Joining by Transfer of Letter

Chrystyna Senkel, Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith

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.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive

What do peanut butter and jelly do around the campfire? They tell "bread-time" stories! During the month of February, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly to stock our Blessing Box. Help us to show love for our neighbors with these simple, nutritious pantry staples.

Souper Bowl Sunday

The Souper Bowl Sunday fundraiser has been postponed: pickup will now be on Sunday, February 22nd. Chicken soup and vegetarian vegetable soup will be available to order Sunday, February 8th and 15th in the narthex following worship or by calling/texting Stephanie Greene at 646-612-0878. Soup is \$10 each and all proceeds will go to the Black Mountain Children's Home

Safe Sanctuaries Training

All new and potential volunteers with any children's activities at TPC need to go through our Safe Sanctuaries training. This is our way of ensuring the safety and protection of any child that is under our care. Our next training session will be Sunday, February 15th at 9:30am in the Jones Conference Room. Please contact Amy McGrath at childrensministry.tpc@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Acolyte Training

Our acolyte training has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 15th after worship. We will meet in the narthex and go over everything you need to know. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend!

Spaghetti Dinner/Ash Wednesday Service

Our Spaghetti Dinner has been rescheduled for February 18th at 5:00 pm. The dinner will be followed by our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Contact jacque.headden@gmail.com for dinner reservations.

Lent Study

Our Lent Study will kickoff Sunday, February 22nd at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall with breakfast. This lenten season the adults will be studying the book, "An Unlikely Lent" by Rachel Billups while the children will be studying "Growing in Grace & Gratitude". If you would like to participate in this study, please contact Amy McGrath by Sunday, February 15th to ensure we have enough books for everyone! We hope you will be able to join us as we prepare our hearts for Easter!

PW Chili Cook Off

The Presbyterian Women are hosting a Chili Cook Off on Saturday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy delicious chili, potato soup, salad and desserts. Kids 12 and under eat fee, and adults are \$10.00. The winning chef will receive an engraved spoon and their name added to the plaque that hangs in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this tasty night of food and fellowship! Chili entry forms and guest signup sheets are available in the Narthex. For questions and sign-up information see Deanna Bancroft after worship.

Save the Date

Pictures for a new Church Directory will be made on Saturday, March 21st and Sunday, March 22nd following worship. Sign up for a time slot today in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a sitting fee of \$10.

Music notes

Today's Chancel Choir anthem, "Siyahamba", a Zulu Christian chorus, is one of the best-known South African songs in the world. It is found in nearly 50 official hymnals of churches in the United States (US) and the United Kingdom (UK). Siyahamba means, "We are walking in the light of God".

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 8

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am Worship - S

11:30 am Congregational Meeting - S

5:00 pm Glory Girls - FH

Monday, February 9

10:30 am Naomi Circle - JCR

2:00 pm TPC Publicity - JCR

3:30 pm Exploratory Committee - JCR

4:00 pm Lydia Circle - TE

Tuesday, February 10

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

11:00 am Chapel/Communion - TE

12:00 pm Staff Meeting - JCR

4:15 pm Children's Choir - CR

Wednesday, February 11

1:30 pm Congregational Care Committee - JCR

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

4:45 pm Sabbatical Committee - JCR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, February 12

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR

Friday, February 13

Saturday, February 14

Sunday, February 15

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

9:30 am Safe Sanctuaries Training - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

11:45 am Acolyte Training - Narthex

11:45 am Shepherd Meeting - 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

Joanne Alderman
Donna Croft
Donald Hawthorne
Judy Warden
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

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

Our church family expresses Christian sympathy to Martha Benson upon the death of her husband, Clark who died on Sunday, February 1, 2026.

Please keep Martha in your prayers.

Daily Bible Readings For This Week

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| S | 02-08 | Isa. 58:1-9b-12; Ps. 112:1-10; 1 Cor. 2:1-16; Matt. 5:13-20 |
| M | 02-09 | Psalms 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10 |
| T | 02-10 | Psalms 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Cor. 4:1-12 |
| W | 02-11 | Psalms 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30 |
| T | 02-12 | Psalms 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7 |
| F | 02-13 | Psalms 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28 |
| S | 02-14 | Psalms 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13 |

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory
of God and in loving memory
of my son, Brandon Horne.*

- Rennie Habel



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