

Tryon Presbyterian Church

March 8, 2026 - 10:30 am

Third Sunday in Lent

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

“What Wondrous Love is This”

Jane Wilson
Lenhenbauer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Allan Purtill

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Cheryl Thompson

OPENING PRAYER

Viola Meissner

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;

approach our God, who is full of mercy.

We will praise God with all our heart

and glorify the name of the Lord forever.

†HYMN

“Here in This Place”

Hymnal Number 401
Tune: GATHER US IN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you. We are misled by pride. We ignore your truth. We hurt others in thought, word, and deed. In your great mercy, welcome us again as your beloved children because of Christ who loves us and gave himself for us.

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

“See Ye First”

Hymnal Number 175

Tune: LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amy McGrath

Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gail Muir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-13 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 197

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days”

Chancel Choir

Linda Shute

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Allan Purtill

Matthew 27:45-46 (NRSV)

Pew Bible, New Testament page 33

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Empty Cross”

Dr. Allan Purtill

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken-hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

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.

2025 FINANCE REPORT

Ken Shull

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Lynnette Sills

OFFERTORY

“When I Survey”

Jane Wilson

Rockingham

†DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal Number 606

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Lynnette Sills

†HYMN

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Hymnal Number 215

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

SENDING OF THE CHURCH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Allan Purtil

†CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT AND LOVE INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Christ Lay in Death's Strong Grasp”

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.

Music notes

The anthem today, *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*, speaks to the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying. The words of our anthem today remind us that Lent is a time of deep reflection, penitence, meditation and prayer.

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.

Girl Scouts

Today is **Girl Scout Sunday**, when troops and girls celebrate the connections between Girl Scouting and faith. Girl Scout Week occurs in early March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and including the birthday of Girl Scouting of the USA, March 12, 1912, when the first troop was formed in Savannah, GA. To learn more about Girl Scouts or how to get involved, please contact Cheryl Thompson at ct.annette@gmail.com or visit <https://www.girlscouts.org/>.

Life Story: Take 2

Let's try this again.... Rachel Ramsey had to cancel her story in February but is on schedule for Wednesday, March 18! Join members of TPC at Calvert's Restaurant at noon. Contact Janet Gilchrist at jsg138@hotmail.com or call her at (803) 378-3221 to make your reservation.

Dates to Remember

The Tryon Presbyterian Children's Choir will sing **March 15th, March 29th** (Palm Sunday) and **April 12th**.

The Tryon Presbyterian Bell Choir will be ringing (for the first time!) on **March 22nd**.

Missions

On Sunday March 22nd, the Missions Committee is hosting a free light lunch in the Fellowship Hall for Rev. John McCall to discuss his Taiwan partnership. Sign up will be in the Narthex.

Church Directory

Reservations for the church directory are still available. We are encouraging everyone to participate. You do not have to be a member to have your picture in the directory. Sign ups will be made in the Fellowship Hall today following the worship service.

Palm Sunday Brunch

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join your church family on Palm Sunday for brunch following the worship service. The cost is \$10 per person. Children 12 and under eat at no charge. Reservations are essential and are available in the Narthex. This is a pay in advance activity with no take-outs. See you there!

Finance Report - Year-End 2025

Below is a summary of TPC's 2025 year-end finances. The "Actual" column represents the actual amount in money the church has received (from offering and other income) and spent (expenses) through the end of 2025. The "Budget" column represents the total amount budgeted for 2025 (both income and expenses).

Tryon Presbyterian Church				
YTD Financial Operating Summary				
Through December 31, 2025				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Income	\$ 482,026.89	\$ 458,284.00	\$	23,742.89
Expenses	<u>\$ 463,695.41</u>	<u>\$ 460,548.00</u>	\$	3,147.41
Difference	\$ 18,331.48	\$ (2,264.00)		

We ended the year with \$463,695 in actual expenditures, 0.7% over budget, and \$482,027 in income, 5.2% over income target. In total, our actual income exceeded our actual expenses by approx. \$18,331 or 3.95%.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8

Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Lent Study - JCR

10:30 am Worship - S

5:00 pm Glory Girls - FH

Monday, March 9

4:00 pm Lydia Circle - TE

4:30 pm Personnel Committee - JCR

5:30 pm AA Meeting - CR

Tuesday, March 10

10:00 am Mom's Bible Study - EB

11:00 am Chapel/Communion - TE

4:15 pm Children's Choir - CR

Wednesday, March 11

2:30 pm Lenten Small Group - S

3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - CR

5:00 pm Sabbatical Committee - JCR

6:00 pm Girl Scouts - EB

Thursday, March 12

11:30 am Rotary Club of Tryon - FH

3:30 pm Bell Choir - CR

Friday, March 13

Saturday, March 14

Sunday, March 15

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Lent 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
Doris Clark
Donna Croft
Donald Hawthorne
Judy Warden
Betsy Zeek

TRYON ESTATES MEDICAL - COLUMBUS

Mimi Child
Margaret Covington
Fran Creasy
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)

...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	03-08	Ex. 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
M	03-09	Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13
T	03-10	Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
W	03-11	Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39
T	03-12	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32
F	03-13	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9
S	03-14	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9

Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory
of God and in loving memory
of our son, Rob Hosick.*

by
Dave & Joanie Hosick



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8 am - 11:30 am, 12:30 pm - 5 pm

Friday
Closed

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