

Tryon United Methodist Church

11:00 AM Worship

First Sunday of Advent/Hanging of the Greens

November 28, 2021

*Let the first note of music be the signal for that reverent silence which is the beginning of worship.*

PRELUDE.....*Of the Father's Love Begotten*.....Pam McNeil, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR.....Pam McNeil, organ

GREETING.....Rev. Lynnette Sills

HANGING OF THE GREENS: THE TRADITIONS WE HOLD DEAR.....Rev. Lynnette Sills

LITANY

Pastor: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the Wonderful Counselor?

**People: We will fill our house with the ringing of bells and the sounds of music.**

Pastor: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace?

**People: We will fill our house with garlands and wreaths of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

Pastor: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the Son of God?

**People: We will fill our house with candles that will give us light in the darkness. And, we will set aside a special place to tell the story of the birth of our Savior.**

Pastor: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of of Jesus, Everlasting Father?

**People: We will fill our house with the words of the prophets that foretold the saving work of God.**

Pastor: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the Son of Man?

**People: We will fill our house with the beauty of the poinsettias and hang special ornaments from our tree. We will be reminded in this season that we await the joy of the birth of the One who was given as an act of love for the world. Gracious Creator God, your glory shines brighter than the sun. We remember your compassion and your faithful love, as we come to worship this day. Lift up our souls to meet the challenges we face, as we seek to bear the fruit of your salvation. May your righteous branch grow within our hearts, that our lives may abound in mercy and steadfast love. Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE: THE CANDLE OF HOPE.....Jim Holly

SCRIPTURE.....Isaiah 60: 2-3.....Jim Holly

Arise, shine, for your light has come, **and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.**

See, darkness covers the earth **and thick darkness is over the peoples,**

But the Lord rises upon you **and his glory appears over you.**

Nations will come to your light, **and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

OUR HOPE IN ADVENT

The first candle symbolizes hope and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival. **We light this first candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming. Come Lord Jesus, come.**

\*HYMN.....*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*.....196

\*PSALTER.....Psalm 25: 1-10 (pg. 756-757 in the Hymnal).....Jim Holly

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust, let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

Let none that wait for you be put to shame;

**let them be ashamed who are clothed with treachery.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

**teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

**for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way, and leads the humble in what is right, and teaches them their way.

**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep the Lord's covenant and testimonies.**

\*GLORIA PATRI .....70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

ANTHEM.....*Ding Dong Merrily on High*.....Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespas*).....Rev. Lynnette Sills

SCRIPTURE .....Isaiah 9: 2-7(**NRSV**).....Jim Holly

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

SCRIPTURE.....Luke 21:26-36.....Rev. Lynnette Sills

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”  
<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.  
<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

*Scripture Reader:* The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE.....**What is His Name? Wonderful Counselor**.....Rev. Lynnette Sills  
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\*HYMN.....*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.....211

\*DOXOLOGY.....94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE.....Jim Holly

Lay Leader: Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son,

**People: who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light.**

Lay Leader: may this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ.

**People: that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISMON TREE

ANNOUNCEMENTS .....Jim Holly

\*BENEDICTION.....Rev. Lynnette Sills

May our love for one another abound,

**Just as Christ's love abounds for each of us.**

**Let us go with God's love in our hearts/**

Let us go in peace. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE.....*Noel Nouvelet*.....Pam McNeil, organ

\*Please stand as you are able

**Audio and Video Technical Team:** Gordon & Karen Davidson

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The People of Tryon United Methodist Church  
seek to answer God's call to be Disciples of Christ.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

As Disciples of Christ we come together as a loving, caring family of faith:

- To share the hope, peace, grace and love of Jesus Christ.
    - To worship God and nurture spiritual growth.
  - To grow in understanding of the Bible and its revelation of Jesus Christ.
    - To serve the needs of our neighbors near and far.
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## **PRAYER LIST - 11/28/2021**

Juliet Agwanda & Peter & Maggie, Virginia Ambrose, The Ashmore family, Faith, mother of Amanda, Lisa Baker, Ann Boswell, Fred & Carolyn Beiers, Scott Bellah, Clara Biswas and family, Marianne Blanchard & Susan and Andy Durvall, Sarah Brotherton, Tom Brown, Terrye Broyhill, Bob & Deborah Bundy, John Bunn, Rick Campbell, Rick Covil, Pat Cowan, Judy Cruse, Dona Jean Dacey, Rebecca Davis, Darian Duncan, Gail Durham, Sandra Forney, Barbara Fox, Ann Geddie's brother Jim, Phil & Joyce Goree, Cheryl Greene, Roy Greene, Mary Heartsoe, Debbie & Larry Hedgepath and family, Pat Hoffman, Jim Holly's niece, Holly, Noah Homan, Mary Howell, Chuck Hull, Charlie Hunnicutt, Tina Hurlburt, Jewel Hutcherson, Family of Linda James, Phil & Gaye Johnson, Charlie Jones, Chris McKinney (Sean), Delenda Metcalf, Miriam & Dennis McClure, Michelle & Chuck, Lizzie Kelly-Montgomery, Erin Moore, Rachel Mullins, Bob & Jo Oliver, Christy O'Neill, Keith Painter, Everette Palmer, Francis Palmer, June Palmer, Salley Parker, Wallace Patrick, Wanda Campbell Price, Mike Revis, Rick, Linda Robison, Julie Settle, Adam & Elsie Sherman, Ashley Stanley & Family, Barbara Steckel, Paula Storey, Annalise Strasel, Richard Tendam, Brooks Wheeler, Kim Whisman, Doris Williams, Ronnie Williams, Ron & Sherry Wingo, Nora Worthen, Kairos Prison Ministry, For the people of Haiti dealing with the earthquake, The people of Haywood County, The victims of Hurricane Ida, Unspoken requests for our families and friends who may need prayer support, Unspoken requests for loved ones with mental health issues, in abusive relationships, caregivers who need help caregiving, physical illnesses, etc.,

**Long Term Prayer Needs** Virginia Ambrose, Velma Atkinson, Alan Blanchard, John Bogwicz, Graham Boulton, Beth Cochran, Mary Count, Chuck & Virginia Davis, Molly Forrester, Christine Glover, Pat Hart, Charles Holly, Bonnie Lee, Alice Logue, Betty Milam, Sherry Palmer, Erika Potter

**TUMC Armed Forces Prayer List:** James Henson Jr., Kevin Mott, Harrison Turnage

This week, continue to pray for the following people in our world:

- All who are currently sick with and fighting COVID-19.
- All who have lost loved ones.
- Those who have experience loss of jobs/financial stress due to current COVID-19 restrictions
- All of our federal, state and local leaders who have the responsibility to make decisions and coordinate responses to dealing with COVID-19.
- All the doctors, nurses, emergency services professionals and medical staff.
- Truck drivers, grocery store, pharmacy and food service workers.
- Researchers and experts working to produce tests and formulate vaccines.
- Congregations all over the world as we come to terms with doing church and being church in different ways.
- Teachers, students, parents who are going back to school.