

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Tryon United Methodist Church  
January 19, 2025 • 11:00 A.M.

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11:00 A.M. Worship

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**Let the chiming of the hour be the signal for that reverent silence which is the beginning of worship.**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Pam McNeil, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynn Montgomery

PRELUDE

*Meditation*

Pam McNeil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP (*The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*)

Rev. Mark Ralls

God's faithful love welcomes us here.

**Thank God for his glorious gift!**

God's faithful love redeems our lives.

**Thank God for our many blessings!**

God's faithful love is ours to share.

**We will offer this gift to God's world.**

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER (*The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*)

Rev. Mark Ralls

Faithful God, we come to you from many walks of life. Some of us come after wandering off. Others come sensing that you are as close as their very breath. **From our many journeys, welcome us with your love. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might sense your presence in our lives. In joyous gratitude we pray. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF STEVEN PORTER INTO MEMBERSHIP AT TRYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
(See Bulletin Insert)

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TRYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor: Steven, the Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and by his Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Steven, you present yourself today in Christ's holy church, desiring to officially

enter into the fellowship of this congregation, receiving membership in Tryon United Methodist Church.

Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

Steven Porter: I will.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care, Steven Porter, whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Will you do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope and perfect them in love?

Congregation: We rejoice to recognize Steven as a member of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation.

With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Pastor: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you, now and evermore. Amen.

\*HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 103

\*PSALTER Psalm 29: 1-4, 11(UMH 761) Lynn Montgomery

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**  
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the god of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters.  
**The voice of the Lord is powerful, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**  
May the Lord give strength to his people!  
**May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)*

Lynn Montgomery

**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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Ma**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (UMH 70)

Congregation

*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.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Mark Ralls

*We set aside this time for Children's Moment when we have children with us.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PRAYER OF YEARNING *(The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025)*

Beloved One, thank you for loving us. Help us sense your steadfast love, even when we feel unsure or unworthy. **Help us sense your presence, especially when we feel alone. Guide us home when we wander off. Claim us as your delight and your crown of beauty, that we might shine with your love and readily share your gifts with others. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Trespas)*

Rev. Mark Ralls

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*) Rev. Mark Ralls  
God of steadfast love and faithfulness, thank you for the gift of your love and the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the gifts we return to you, this day and every day.  
**Help us share as generously with others as you have shared with us, that your love might be known throughout all the world. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *They Will Know We Are Christians* Chancel Choir

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!*

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:14-21 Lynn Montgomery

<sup>14</sup> And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and a report concerning him went out through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; <sup>17</sup> and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

<sup>20</sup> And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Christmas Work* Rev. Mark Ralls

\*CLOSING HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness* 140

\*BENEDICTION (*The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*) Rev. Mark Ralls

As miracles of God, go to be God's miracle for the world.

**We are blessed with God's gifts.**

Let's share those gifts with the world.

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

POSTLUDE *Allegro* Pam McNeil, organ

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

*We welcome Rev. Mark Ralls, Blue Ridge District Superintendent, for leading us in worship today.*

*Bulletin artwork: "Jesus Unrolls the Scroll in the Synagogue" by James Tissot, 1894*

 **PRAYER LIST 1/19/2025**

– Pray for those dealing with the devastating wildfires in California.

– Pray for all who are dealing with devastation and loss after Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Pray for all of the helpers who are working to restore power and provide clothing, shelter and assistance.

Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Haiti and all places experience conflicts and war. Pray for there to be peace and for war to cease. Pray for leaders to seek wisdom. Pray for an end to violence and bloodshed. Pray for all people in all nations to seek and to be instruments of peace.

-Unspoken requests for our families and friends who may need prayer support, who are going through various life transitions, who have loved ones with physical or mental health issues, those in abusive relationships.

- For those in need of treatment for depression/anxiety.

- For those who grieve for loved ones who have passed.

- Those who are in transition and contemplating lifestyle changes - moving, retiring, furthering their education.

--Gratitude for the Comfort Shawl ladies who provide shawls for so many.

-Prayers for families in domestic violence situations

-Caregivers needing help caregiving and for all receiving health care treatment.

--Caregivers of little children, adult children, parents and friends.

**Pray for:** Diane Aden & Family, Anna, Rockie Alexander, Judy Banks, Fred Beiers, Ron Bennett, Susan Berry, Clara Biswas & Family, Davis Blackwelder, Sabine Boots, Bill Bowman, Sam Bowman, Terrye Broyhill, Walter, Hilary & Mars Bunn, Brandon, Franz, Eloise and Aidan Call, Margaret Cannon, Rhonda Carpenter, The Cashion Family, Cathy, Liz Chase, Jimmy Chatman, Michelle Chromey, Claire, Beth Cochran, Betty Cochran, Breanna Cochran, Pat Cowan, Judy Cruse, Dona Jean Dacey, Mark Dacey, Gordon & Karen Davidson, Tim & Cathy Dean, Tracie Dubek, Kathleen Edberg & Jim Schrader, the family of Scott Foppiano, Sandra Forney, Roy Greene & Family, Teresa Greene, Jennifer & Percy Hargett, Ben Harvey, Leewyn Hatch, Debbie & Larry Hedgepath and family, Bobby Henson, Charlotte Holly, Bob Hudson, Hilda, Jason, Charlie Jones, Julia and Chris, Juliet, Margaret Kell, Sarah Kim, Mike Kraft, Siri Larson, David Lawson, Sherrill Lawson, Family of Carol Lee, Sarah Lee, Sam Lilly and wife, Liz, Laron “Kelly” Lumpkin, Sandra Maier, Maria, Jan Markey, Melony Martin, Maureen, Melissa, Jerry Miller, Dell Morgan, Ashlye Mould, Betty Neal, Bob & Jo Oliver, Adam Palmer, David Palmer, Salley Parker, Alice Payne, Carie Perez, Bob Reynolds, The family of David Rimel, Luke Rimel, Cathy Ruth, Stephen Sacks, Family of Jay Sealy, Charleigh Self, Cindy Shouck, Bonnie Stewart, Family of Mary Aden Stuch, Richard Tendam, Bill Vehorn, John Vines, Wade, George Wallace, Linda Waters, Wendy, Hal Wishon & Kim Wishon, Kairos Prison Ministry,

**Ministry Missionaries:** The Wollin Family (our missionary partners in Albania)

**Long Term Prayer Needs** Mary Armitage, Donnie Andrews, Keith Andrews, Fred Beiers, Susan Bennett, John Bogwicz, Austin Bradley, Rick Campbell, Beth Cochran, Mary Count, Molly Forrester, Patty Gilleland and Mark Gilleland, Mary Glenn, Hazel Griffiths, Pat Hart, Mary Hartsoe, Noah Homan, Alice Logue, Nicole Meyers, Delinda Metcalf, Betty Milam, Christy O’Neill, June Palmer, Sherry Palmer, Erika Potter, Jim Steward, Annalise Strasel

**UMC Armed Forces Prayer List:** Ruairidh (Rory Coull), Landon Farley, James Henson Jr., Kevin Mott, Harrison Turnage

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