



Tryon United Methodist Church

11:00 A.M. Worship

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025

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

Nancy Hiley

PRELUDE

A Day of New Beginnings

Pam McNeil, organ

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

Rev. Michael Bailey

In these uncertain times, we come together, searching for peace.

We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

We will open our hearts and minds, that the Lord may show us mercy.

When we trust the Lord, we can do good things and live with one another in peace and security.

The Lord is our refuge in times of trouble. In God, we find forgiveness, mercy, and love.

We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

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

Rev. Michael Bailey

Holy One, we come together to pause, pray, and praise. Be with us in this place, that we may touch your mercy. You provide for us; help us claim the power of your love for our lives. **Help us to measure out grace, shaking it together with forgiveness and give them to others as you would have us do. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Michael Bailey

You are members of God's beloved community. Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

As we pass the peace of Christ, greet one another in ways you feel are healthy and comfortable for you.

*HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

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*PSALTER

Psalm 37: 1-7 (UMH 772)

Nancy Hiley

Do not be angry because of the wicked, do not be envious of evildoers!

For they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good; so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord, who will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord, trust in God, who will act,

bringing forth your vindication as the light, and your right as the noonday.

Be still and wait patiently before the Lord; do not be angry because of those who prosper in their way, because of those who carry out evil desires!

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

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**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 Mary,
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. Michael Bailey

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Michael Bailey

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespas*)

Rev. Michael Bailey

**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

Rev. Michael Bailey

**Holy God, we bring this offering of our money, prayer, and labor to advance your work of
mercy. We willingly and joyfully celebrate your generosity, by sharing our abundance with
the church, our community, and the world. Bless these gifts, as they go forth to do good in
your world without judgment or prejudice. Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Make His Praise Glorious

Chancel Choir

*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

Genesis 45:3-11

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³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

How the Church Chooses Reconciliation Over Retaliation

Rev. Michael Bailey

*CLOSING HYMN

Freely, Freely

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*BENEDICTION

Rev. Michael Bailey

POSTLUDE

Prealudium

Pam McNeil, organ

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

We welcome interim pastor Rev. Michael F. Bailey to our congregation this morning.

Cover photo: "Hands", Jose Art Gallery. In this painting, Ukrainian artist Ruslan Vigovsky masterfully embodies the power and symbolism of human hands. This work not only reflects reality, but also invites reflection on the hidden meanings and meanings that reveal the soul of the image to the viewer.



PRAYER LIST 2/23/2025

– *Pray for those dealing with the loss of lives from recent airplane crashes.*

– *Pray for all who are dealing with devastation and loss after Hurricane Helen, Hurricane Milton and the wildfires in California. 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: Rockie Alexander, Anna, Ron Bennett, Susan Berry, Davis Blackwelder, Carl Brooks, Terrye Broyhill, Walter, Hilary & Mars Bunn, Margaret Cannon, Rhonda Carpenter, The Cashion Family, Cathy, Liz Chase, Michelle Chromey, Betty Cochran, Breanna Cochran, Eilidh Coull, Janet Cowen, Dona Jean Dacey, Joshua Dacey, Mark Dacey, Sandra Forney, Roy Greene & Family, Jennifer & Percy Hargett, Ben Harvey, Bobby Henson, Charlie Jones, Julia and Chris, Judy, Juliet, Laron “Kelly” Lumpkin, Maria, Maureen, Jerry Miller, Dell Morgan, Ashley Mould, Betty Neal, Salley Parker, David Ross Palmer, Alice Payne, Bob Reynolds, Stephen Sacks, Cindy Shouck, Richard Tendam, Bill Vehorn, George Wallace, Hal Wishon, Belinda and Jesse Yarborough

Long Term Prayer Needs: Mary Armitage, Fred Beiers, Susan Bennett, Rick Campbell, Beth Cochran, Mary Count, Kathleen Edberg & Jim Schrader, Emma, Mary Glenn, Hazel Griffiths, Noah Homan, Siri Larson, Alice Logue, Jan Markey, Betty Milam, Christy O’Neill, June Palmer, Sherry Palmer, Adam Palmer, Erika Potter, Jim Steward, Annalise Strasel, Kairos Prison Ministry

Armed Forces Prayer List: Ruairidh (Rory) Coull, Landon Farley, James F. Henson Jr., Harrison Turnage

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