



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A
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27 August 2017 at 10:45

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Prelude

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
welcome home, children of God. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

1. Session has authorized a love offering to assist a Timber Ridge person through a time of need. Mark your gift "love offering."
2. Bennie's recital is TODAY at 4:00 pm. Please bring a vegetarian snack to share.
3. Church yard sale on Sept. 9, at the Edmondsons' house. Need items to sell as well as people to help.
4. It's that time of year again!! Our retreat days are fast approaching. Come join us for Faith, Fellowship and Fun in beautiful Banner Elk, North Carolina. It will be September 29 - October 1. If you would like to come please let Kimra know.
5. A new church directory is in the works. Please provide your current contact information to Betty Bird. Thanks!
6. If you would like to add a rock to the pile in the basket (either silently or sharing a few words) to celebrate God making his presence and faithfulness known in a special way, you are invited to do so during the announcement time
7. Lisa has communion on Sept.3.

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (*Psalm 148:3-6*)

Praise the LORD, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise the LORD, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass way.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, by your grace, deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†**Hymn 49: "The God of Abraham Praise"**

†**Call to Confession**

God is holy. In his presence, our rebellion cannot be hidden. God is also merciful. In his presence, we confess without fear, so that we might rise up and praise without burden. Let us pray together.

†**Prayer of Confession**

O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, we approach you with boldness and we ask forgiveness for the ways we have turned from you, grace to turn to you, and wisdom to abide in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

†**Declaration of Forgiveness (1 Peter 2:24)**

Hear this good news: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†**The Peace (Colossians 3:12-14)**

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive and the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+ + + LITURGY OF THE WORD + + +

†**Prayer for Illumination** (*Hymn #452*)

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you; (repeat)
to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see
you.**

Scripture Reading:

Acts 1:1-8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Children's Time

Sermon:

Witnesses

†**Hymn 498:** "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

Prayers of the People

... **O God, fount of all wisdom, give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognizing in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we
may be living stones for the building up of your holy church.**

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.**

+ + + LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST + + +

Offering

All that we are and all that we have belongs to God. Apart from God, we
are nothing. As he is generous, may we also be generous.
Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

†**Doxology** (*Tune #606*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, God of all creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

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†**Hymn 463:** "How Firm a Foundation"

Charge and Blessing

†**Congregational Response:**

**May the road rise to meet you; may the wind blow at your back;
may the sun shine warmly on your face;
may the rain fall softly on your fields;
and until we meet again, until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.**

Postlude

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

Contact information for Rev. Dr. Christine T. Bohn, Interim Pastor:
pastorchris@trpctn.org.

The congregation of Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome to all who are joining in worship this morning for the first time or the first time in a long time. Our prayer is that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:17-19).

+ + + INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST (8/27/17) + + +

Prayer Requests

Sandra Carter - healing from cancer
Johanna - wisdom and provision
Lori Askew - treatment began 6/26
Negetha - healing
Ethan Self - truth/justice in appeal process
Susan Roberts
Glenwood Elementary School community
Ken Martin - cancer

Jerry Cohen - cancer
Outreach events ("Feed My Sheep")
Corine P. - health
Courage to stand for truth
Those affected by Charlottesville violence
Nick Vallie - health
College students heading to school
Amanda - miscarriage on 8/19
Joyce W. - health

Praise Reports

It's been one year since Tony Bird's last stroke.
Carolyn Bowers' tumor is gone!
Jerry Cohen is back at home now.
Johanna is celebrating an interval of relative calm & giving thanks for help from many sources.

***A prayer request will generally be kept on the printed list for two weeks, unless there is a specific request that it continue.

++ Events ++

- **Bennie's Recital** - TODAY, 4pm. Please bring a vegetarian snack to share.
- **Church Yard Sale** - Saturday, September 9, at the Edmondson's house. Need items to sell and people to help.
- **Presbyterian Women** - Next meeting, Monday, September 11, 7pm. Joyce to host.
- **Olivia's Mission Report from Scotland & Potluck Luncheon** - Sunday, September 17.
- **Church Retreat** - Friday, September 29 - Sunday, October 1.
- **Intercessory Prayer Group**, Thursday afternoons at 1:00, in the fellowship hall. Do you have a heart for prayer? Please join in. Do you have a prayer request? Please share your request during worship today or leave a written note in the offering plate.

- **Sunday School**, 9:30am, in the fellowship hall; studying the Book of Acts.

+ + Glenwood Outreach + +

- "Lord, what is it you want TRPC to do?" and "How shall we feed your sheep?" Your prayers, ideas, donations, and action are needed.
- Glenwood School sent a thank-you card signed by all the staff!

++ Food Bank item: Sept. is pasta

Box in narthex. ++

++ Samaritan's Purse: Sept. is small games. Box in narthex. ++