



# *Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church*

**Reign of Christ, Year B**  
**22 November 2015 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**

## **Introit**

## **Call to Worship** (Psalm 19):

*The heavens are telling the glory of God*

**May our worship reflect God's glory.**

*The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.*

**May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

*Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.*

**We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.**

*With Christians across geography and throughout history,*

**Let us worship!**

## **Opening Prayer**

*Almighty God, you raised Christ from the dead and established him as Lord over every rebellious power. Give us grace to serve him wisely and faithfully that the world may see his glorious inheritance among the saints and recognize the freedom of joyful obedience in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.***

## **†Opening Hymn 413: Come into God's Presence**

## **†The Peace**

*Because God loves us, and teaches us to love one another, let us share a sign of peace and reconciliation with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*So let us share the peace of Christ with one another.*

**+ + + LITURGY OF THE WORD + + +**

**†Prayer for Illumination** (Hymn #451, v.2)

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

**Scripture Reading:** John 18:28-38

*The Jewish leaders led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Roman governor's palace. It was early in the morning. So that they could eat the Passover, the Jewish leaders wouldn't enter the palace; entering the palace would have made them ritually impure.*

*So Pilate went out to them and asked, "What charge do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If he had done nothing wrong, we wouldn't have handed him over to you." Pilate responded, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your Law." The Jewish leaders replied, "The Law doesn't allow us to kill anyone." (This was so that Jesus' word might be fulfilled when he indicated how he was going to die.)*

*Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?" Pilate responded, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"*

*Jesus replied, "My kingdom doesn't originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn't have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn't from here." "So you are a king?" Pilate said.*

*Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice."*

*"What is truth?" Pilate asked. After Pilate said this, he returned to the Jewish leaders and said, "I find no grounds for any charge against him."*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Anthem**

**Children's Time**

**Sermon**

†**Hymn 186:** *Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table*

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**Offering**

***From Psalm 95:***

*God holds the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains,  
the sea and the dry land.*

*Let us offer our gifts to God, our Maker.*

†**Doxology (Tune #643)**

*All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.*

**Prayer of Approach**

*Lord Jesus, once in another time and place, you sat at table with friends offering them both comfort and challenge. Today, in this time and place, we too gather round a table wanting to be close to you – to tell stories, share laughter, hear your voice, and touch hands with you. Meet with us, we pray, just as you did with them – that we may know the comfort, the challenge and the joy of your company.*

**Invitation to the feast**

*This is the table of our Lord on which he sets his tokens of love and hope and to which he calls all who want to share his life. So come—whether your faith is strong or weak, whether your hope shines brightly or is dimmed. Come, ready to receive – for all are welcome at the feast of love.*

†**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

*The Lord of blessings be with you.*

**The Lord be with you, also.**

*Be glad and rejoice, God's people, lifting your hearts to the Restorer of lives.*

**We offer them to the God who clothes us in grace.**

*People of God, come to the Table where you shall eat and be satisfied.*

**With shouts of joy, we gather to praise the name of God!**

*Your mouth was filled with laughter, God of our every moment, as you sang creation into being. The heavens rang with shouts of joy, as fruit-bearing trees sprang up, as*

*green pastures rippled with wonder. Crafted in your image, you would satisfy us with the bounty of grace, but we chose the death of scarcity, the fear that leads to violence, we chose to close our eyes to the goodness of your created world and the light of Christ in each other. Prophets and psalmists were sent by you, longing to restore us to your side, but we put their words to shame. So that everyone might be saved, Jesus came to be with us, herald of your grace, bringer of your truth.*

*With those who lifted thanks by crossed rivers, with those who offered gratitude for simple gifts, we join our voice in praising your name:*

### **Sanctus (hymn 552)**

*Holy are you, Restorer of broken lives, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Proclaimer of salvation. Knowing how our hearts overflowed with fear, bitterness, and worries, Jesus came with peace and comfort. Teaching that the body is more than sin, that life is more than death, he embodied the depths of your love on the cross, and showed by his resurrection that death never gets to claim the final word.*

*We give thanks that throughout his life, on the night before his death, and in the days after his resurrection, he shared a meal of thanksgiving with those around him, celebrating your bounteous gifts shared by all. In each occasion, Jesus took a loaf of bread, he gave thanks to you, asking your blessings upon it, then he broke it and gave it to be shared among his followers.*

*As we break bread together, we share in the body of Christ so that we might become the body of Christ for the world. In the same manner, we share of this cup of salvation, reminding us that just as our sins have been forgiven, so, too, are we to forgive the sins of others that have harmed us.*

*Sharing now in this feast together, we celebrate this foretaste of the heavenly banquet at which we will one day feast. We give thanks here today for the life and witness of Christ; we shout with joy for his resurrection; and we sing together of that mystery we call faith:*

### **Mysterion (hymn 553)**

*Pour out your Spirit upon us, O Lord, doing great things with the bread and the cup. Empty, we will be filled with the plenty of your grace, the broken bread strengthening us so we might bring healing to a world shattered by violence and despair.*

*Longing for hope, we shall be satisfied with the cup of blessing and hope, our lives overflowing with your love and compassion, pouring ourselves out for the world to be*

*a living and holy symbol of your love for the world you created.*

*And when all our worrying hours have ended, when we are clothed in your mercy forever, we will gather with our sisters and brothers, our mouths filled with laughter, our hearts echoing glad songs of joy to you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.*

### **Great Amen (hymn 554)**

#### **Invitation and distribution**

*God, the source of all hope, offers to us now these signs of hope and invites us to share in their story ...*

#### **Closing responses**

*Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to share in God's story of hope.*

**And so we offer ourselves to its telling. Breathe your life through ours that the story may continue on in us, and through us, until the world is remade. Amen.**

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**†Hymn 852:** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

#### **†Charge and Blessing**

*It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and King. Our mission in life is to make his kingdom a reality among us and to bring it to those around us by our words and deeds. The way to do this is to live as he lived: for others, in love and service. May almighty God bless you for this task: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and to give shape to his kingdom.*

#### **†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.*

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### **Announcements**

**Happy Thanksgiving** – No Wednesday night activities this week. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

**Attention Timber Ridge Women:** Even if you are not coming to the monthly Presbyterian Women's meeting, you are most definitely part of the family. If you would like to contribute to the mission projects of this organization, you can place a check or offering envelope in the offering plate at any time, written to "Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women". With your help, last year, we supported more than 15 worthy missions.

**Session Meeting** – Session members are reminded that our last stated meeting of 2015 will be held next Sunday (29 November) at 7:00pm in the Choir Room. Devotion will be led by **Jimmy Lister**, we will elect an elder commissioner to the stated Presbytery meeting at Piney Flats Presbyterian on Tuesday, 1 December, review Advent and Christmas activities, and conclude any year-end items of business before our outgoing Class of 2015 elders rotate off Session. A draft copy of the agenda will be posted on the website, along with minutes from the previous Session and Congregational meetings, at [www.trpctn.org/session.php](http://www.trpctn.org/session.php)

### **This Week at TRPC**

<b>25 November</b>	<b>Next Sunday (29 Nov)</b>	<b>Food Bank &amp; Samaritan's Purse (November)</b>
No mid-week activities	Matthew 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macaroni &amp; Cheese (FB)</li> <li>• Donations for shoebox shipping (SP)</li> </ul>

### **Worship Leadership**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>22 Nov</b>	Addison G	John M	Amy C
<b>29 Nov</b>	Wallace W	Ken P	N/A
<b>6 Dec</b>	Kenton C	Charles Br	Zelma E
<b>13 Dec</b>	Blair S	John M	N/A
<b>20 Dec</b>	Nancy Katherine	Scotty C	N/A