



# *Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church*

**First Sunday of Advent, Year C**  
**29 November 2015 at 10:45**

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**+ + + GATHERING + + +**

## **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**

## **Lighting the Candles of Advent**

**Morrell Family**

- 1:** In the beginning, God said, "let there be light," and there was light
- 2:** Then, in the fullness of time, two millennia ago, light entered the world once again.
- 1:** Since the beginning of time, we have searched for light
- 2:** And since the beginning of time, we have found it in the gracious care of God for the world
- 1:** So we turn again in this time of year
- 2:** as the days get darker and darker
- 1:** even when it seems that darkness is gaining ground
- 2:** we know that the light will grow, that it must shine
- 1:** we look around today, aware of terror and violence around our world.
- 2:** not just the world—in our schools and communities and homes.
- 1:** it seems that darkness is gaining ground
- 2:** yet we gather trusting that the light will grow, that it must shine
- 1:** So this morning we light one candle, celebrating the generations of faithful who followed the light.
- 2:** Honoring those who believed in God during dark days, and looked forward to the coming of Christ...
- 1:** As the prophet Isaiah promises, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on

them."

**2:** Living God, we thank you for faithful people of every age. We pray that we, too, may have faith, in spite of the darkness of our times, and may look for the coming of Jesus into our world. Amen

†**Opening Hymn 82:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

†**Confession and Pardon:**

**Call to Confession:**

*The prophet Malachi writes: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? As we prepare ourselves for the return of our Lord, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor...*

**Prayer of Confession:**

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign. We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise. Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness:**

*Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. (Isaiah 40:4-5)*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Response to Forgiveness:** Hymn 110: *Love Has Come*, v.1

*Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

**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 #100, v.1*)

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?*

**Refrain:**

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

**Gospel Reading: Mathew 1:1-17**

*"An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

*Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.*

*And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.*

*And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.*

*So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations."*

*This is the promise of God to our ancestors and to us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem**

**Children's Time**

**Sarah Wyatt**

**Sermon**

**Dr. Brian Wyatt**

**†Hymn 264:** *At the Name of Jesus*

### **Prayers of the People**

*In grateful appreciation for the generations of faithful who have gone before us, we join our voices with your saints through the ages in praying for your coming kingdom.*

*You have promised, O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church, around the world, and in this place, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.***

*Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.***

*In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially...*

*that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.***

*In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray also for those who rejoice this week that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.***

*In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.***

*Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him, in whose name we pray together...*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your**

**will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**+ + + LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST + + +**

**Offering**

*All things in heaven and earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation. Therefore, let us offer our lives to the Lord. (2 Peter 3:8-15)*

**†Doxology (Tune #88)**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Our God of love, your mercies bestow;  
Praise God aloud, you heavenly choirs,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit which inspires.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives as an offering of gratitude for your grace. Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

**†Hymn 108: Of the Father's Love Begotten**

**†Charge and Blessing**

*We are pilgrims always  
journeying homewards.  
May God walk with us along the roads.  
We look for peace  
and we cry for justice.  
May God make us peacemakers all our days.  
We wait and long  
for the coming of Jesus.  
May God fill us with wonder and with great hope.  
May the Bright God of Peace bless us,  
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**†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.

## Announcements

**Hanging of the Greens** – This Wednesday we will meet at 6:30 for dinner and to help decorate the church and sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

**Session Meeting** – Session members are reminded that our last stated meeting of 2015 will be tonight at 7:00pm in the Choir Room. Devotion will be led by **Jimmy Lister**. A draft copy of the agenda is 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)

**Bell Ringers** please remember that we are ringing the bell for the Food Bank at K-Mart this Friday (4 December). If you aren't sure which hour you signed up for, or have any questions, please contact Vicki Trentham.

## This Week at TRPC

2 December	Next Sunday (6 Dec)	Food Bank & Samaritan's Purse (November)
6:30 – Dinner and Advent / Christmas Decorating	Luke 1:5-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macaroni &amp; Cheese (FB)</li> <li>• Donations for shoebox shipping (SP)</li> </ul>

## Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Communion
29 Nov	Wallace W	Ken P	N/A
6 Dec	Kenton C	Charles Br	Lee Anne S
13 Dec	Blair S	John M	N/A
20 Dec	Nancy Katherine	Scotty C	N/A
27 Dec	Addison G	Spencer M	N/A