



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

**Second Sunday in Lent, Year C
21 February 2016 at 10:45**

+ + + 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

Choral Introit

Entrance Antiphon

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

As Jesus wept for Jerusalem,

our hearts also break for all creation and humanity.

As citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives,

we eagerly wait for his return, even as we work for his kingdom in this place.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

*Loving God, as Jesus wept with a mother's tenderness over the city of Jerusalem, give us the spirit of compassion to grieve the suffering of the world, and give us the strength of will to seek your peace in every place; in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.***

†Hymn 49: The God of Abraham Praise

†Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Are you thirsty for grace? Are you hungry for mercy? God is calling; come to the waters. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We put our

trust in wicked leaders and reject the prophets you send. We prosper as friends of the empire and live as enemies of your cross. Forgive us, God of grace. Cast out the demons within us. Cure the evil in our hearts. Continue the work you have begun in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

*Listen, so that you may live: The steadfast love of the Lord never fails. (Isaiah 55:3)
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

Thanks be to God.

Response of Praise (Hymn #581: Gloria Patri)

*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.*

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another...

+ + + LITURGY OF THE WORD + + +

†Prayer for Illumination (Hymn #451, v2)

*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: Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Time with Children

Sarah Wyatt

Sermon

Dr. Brian Wyatt

†Hymn of Response 841: *God Is My Strong Salvation*

Prayers of the People

*Let us have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus as we pray for the world he came to save. We pray for the church...Transform our shame into your glory. Help us to live as citizens of heaven, watching for the coming of our Savior. Have mercy, O God;
hear our prayer.*

*We pray for the world... your compassion to the nations. Give shelter to the poor and oppressed as a hen gathers her young under her wing. Have mercy, O God;
hear our prayer.*

*We pray for this community...Put an end to the violence among us. Let your goodness and grace be known in the land of the living. Have mercy, O God;
hear our prayer.*

*We pray for loved ones...Be the light and the salvation of all who are suffering this day. Let their hearts take courage in you. Especially, we pray for...
Have mercy, O God;
hear our prayer.*

As we pour out our hearts in prayer, O God, lead us to pour out our lives in service to you—ever seeking your will, ever following your way; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

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 (*Philippians 3:7–8*)

All that we seek to accomplish, all that we strive to achieve, all that we claim to possess—all of this amounts to nothing without the grace of Christ. With gratitude, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

†**Doxology (Tune: Woodworth, #442)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit ever more.

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

†**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God, we trust you to be our refuge and fortress in good times and in times of trouble. Use the gifts we share today to provide shelter for those who are homeless, food for those who are hungry, comfort for those who are afflicted, and freedom for those who are oppressed. We commit to you the gift of our money and the gifts of our lives, so that we may be instruments of your healing in the world. Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

†**Sending Hymn 846: Fight the Good Fight**

†**Charge and Blessing**

Go in peace, proclaiming the message of reconciliation God has entrusted to us.

May the Spirit of the triune God strengthen and sustain you, all throughout these forty days and into the life that is to come. 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

Presbyterian Youth Triennium registration is now open, and Holston Presbytery will be taking a delegation (led by the Rev. Greg Cartwright, associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville). Space is **very** limited, so if you are interested, please pick up an informational flyer and registration form in the Narthex, or contact Brian for details.

Stated Presbytery Meeting – Presbytery will meet on Saturday, 5 March at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Johnson City. Elder Paul Burkey will be Timber Ridge’s commissioner.

Theologian in Residence will conclude this Tuesday (23 February).

This Week at TRPC

Week of 21 February	Next Sunday (28 February)	Food Bank & Samaritan’s Purse (February)
No midweek activities	Luke 13:1-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canned Soup (FB) • Soap, Washcloths, and Soap holder (SP)

Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Communion
21 Feb	Addison G	Charles Br	N/A
28 Feb	Kenton C	John M	N/A
6 Mar	Wallace W	Kenton C	N/A
13 Mar	Blair S	Gary M	N/A
20 Mar	Addison G	Doyle E	Lee Anne S