



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

**Third Sunday in Lent, Year C
28 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.

Is anyone thirsty?

Come and drink!

Is anyone hungry?

Enjoy the finest food at the table of the Lord!

What more do we need?

The Lord has made an everlasting covenant and promised unfailing love.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

*God of judgment and mercy, as Jesus taught your holy way and called all people to repent, help us to turn to you and live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

†Hymn 479: Come Now to the Water

†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 shake our

heads at others' calamity, yet ignore the signs of our own destruction. We enjoy a prized place in your garden, yet year after year fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom to repent and be reconciled to you, so that we may have the gift of life; 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 13:1-9

Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. He replied, "Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. What about those twelve people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did."

Jesus told this parable: "A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. He said to his gardener, 'Look, I've come

looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I've never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil's nutrients?' The gardener responded, 'Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Time with Children

Sarah Wyatt

Sermon

Dr. Brian Wyatt

†Hymn of Response 79: *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

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...Let us be an oasis in the desert—a spring of water for all who thirst, an abundant feast for all who hunger. Have mercy, O God;

hear our prayer.

We pray for the world...By your everlasting covenant, embrace all the nations of this earth with your steadfast, saving love. Have mercy, O God;

hear our prayer.

We pray for this community...Save those who are perishing. Let new life flourish among us and help us to bear good fruit. Have mercy, O God;

hear our prayer.

*We pray for loved ones...Show your great faithfulness to those who are sick or suffering. Strengthen them and make them whole. Hear us especially as 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 435: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

†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.

Large Print Upper Room devotionals are available in the narthex. If we run out and you or someone you know would like a large print copy, please let Sandra know so we can adjust our ordering.

This Week at TRPC

Week of 28 February	Next Sunday (6 March)	Food Bank & Samaritan’s Purse (March)
No midweek activities	Joshua 5:9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instant Potatoes or Rice (FB) • Socks (boys & girls, ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14), combs, hairbrushes (SP)

Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Usher	Communion
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
25 Mar	TBD	Charles Br	N/A
26 Mar	TBD	Scott C	Sandra C
27 Mar	Kenton C	Doug R	Marilyn B