



# *Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church*

21<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year C  
25 September 2016 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**

## **Choral Introit**

## **Call to Worship (from Psalm 31)**

*In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.*

**Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

*You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,*

**Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

*Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;*

**But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand;**

*Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.*

**Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege.**

*Love the Lord, all you his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful*

**Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.**

†**Psalm 31a:** *A Psalm of Trust* (Tune: Duke Street, #265)

*O Lord, in whom my soul confides;  
my refuge sure amid the strife;  
O let me not in shame reside,  
But through Thy grace reclaim my life.*

*Be Thou my rock, my sure defense,  
My fortress which no force can break;  
Remain my guide, and lead me forth  
To praise Thee for Thy mercy's sake.*

*My life, my days, are in Thy hand,  
Naught can the threat of death remove;  
Turn now to me Thy shining face,  
And save me through Thy steadfast love.*

### **†The Peace**

*Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.  
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." So may we know peace  
with God and peace between each other. Brothers and sisters, the peace  
of the Lord 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 #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.*

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 29:4-7**

*Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I  
have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in  
them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have  
sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in  
marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do  
not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into*

*exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Choral Anthem**

## **Children's Time**

## **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt

**†Hymn 686:** *God of Our Life*

## **†Prayers of the People**

*Holy One, Author of our lives, we trust that our future is indeed in your hands. As we reflected on Jeremiah and his fellow Israelites in exile, we pray this morning for those who continue to be displaced—by floods, and especially those affected by Hurricane Matthew, those displaced by war, by famine, by disease. May they be fed and cared for, and may they find kindness on their journeys. Lead them to a safe place, to find comfort under the shelter of your wings. May they find their home in you.*

**For those who have found themselves where they did not expect to be, O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*For those who have experienced loss – of homes, jobs, good health, and of loved ones, May they find your love and the light of your promises to be enough for the next step. Lead them to a place of hope, to find glimpses of joy in their journey.*

**For those who grieve and seek a path forward toward hope, O Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have wandered far from you – who feel forsaken, may they find that you are not so far off. And for ourselves as we face the difficulties of life, moments of loneliness, suffering, loss, may we find the courage to face those challenges, trusting that you journey with us through our grief and loss.

**For those who are lost and in need of God's welcome, and for those who grieve and need God's comfort, O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*And lastly, O Lord, we pray for ourselves. May we be agents of your blessing to others as we seek the peace and prosperity of this city. Help us to grow where we are planted, to seek the welfare of the people and places around us, and to work to bless others as we have been blessed, whatever our circumstances.*

**That we may be moved beyond ourselves to be a blessing to others, O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Hear us now as we continue to pray for your kingdom as Jesus taught us, saying...*

**†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**

*God has called us to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share. With gratitude to the giver of life, let us offer our lives to the Lord. (1 Timothy 6:13, 18)*

**†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 Thanksgiving**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**God of all good gifts, you bless us with so much to share. Use the gift of our money and the gifts of our lives to bring your healing and hope, your justice and peace to our neighbors, near and far. Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

†**Hymn 548: May God Support You All Your Days**

†**Charge and Blessing**

*May God be the **road** on which you travel:*

*God the mountains on which you are tested and challenged;*

*God the wells at which you find healing and peace.*

*May Christ be the **light** by which you travel:*

*He the vision which informs and enlarges you;*

*He the star shining in your darkest nights.*

*And may the Spirit **inspire** you as you travel:*

*She the restlessness driving you onwards;*

*She the stillness leading you to the heart of God.*

*May the Holy One,*

*the Creator, the Love, the Sustaining Presence*

*go with you as you travel;*

*and at the last bring you safe to the heavenly country,*

*that your journey may begin, continue, and end in love.*

*this day, and every day. 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.

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**Announcements**

**Peace and Global Witness Offering** will be received this morning and next Sunday. Giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering is one way we come to God's table of peace. 25% of this offering remains with our congregation to build up peace in our community, 25% expands our witness throughout the region supporting ministries of peace and reconciliation in Presbyterian mid-councils, and 50% supports the global witness to Christ's peace through the Presbyterian Peacemaking

Program and Presbyterian World Mission. Please give generously in gratitude to the God who spreads such a bountiful table of peace.

**Youth Group** will **NOT** meet this Wednesday (12 October) due to Fall Break. Our next event will be **bowling and pizza** on 19 October.

**Session Meeting** – Session members please note that we will have a called meeting on Sunday, 30 October, at 7:00pm to discuss matters related to ministerial transition. We will be joined by Rich Fifield, Holston executive presbyter, to help guide us through the process.

**Olivia Marengo** has been settled in Glasgow, UK for over a month, and is enjoying her work with the Church House Project in Bridgeton. Throughout her year abroad, Olivia will be posting about her experiences on her blog at <http://livfully.wordpress.com> and invites her church family to follow along. **If technology cooperates with us, Olivia will be joining us for a few minutes next Sunday (16 October) via Skype during worship to share about her experiences so far.**

**Congregational Meeting and Reception** – Brian, Sarah, and Wallace's last Sunday with us will be November 6. The Nurture Committee is planning a lunch and reception after church to celebrate Brian's 11 years of ministry with us.

### This Week at TRPC

Wednesday, 12 October	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (16 Oct)	Food Bank & Sam's Purse (October)
No mid-week activities	Matthew 22:34-40 & Micah 6:6-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper (FB)</li> <li>• Shoeboxes (SP)</li> </ul>

### Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Communion
9 Oct	Blair S	Will E & Charlie H	N/A
16 Oct	William B	Wallace W & Charlie H	N/A
23 Oct	Wallace W	Doug R & Charlie H	N/A
30 Oct	Kenton C	Blair S & Charlie H	N/A
6-Nov	Wallace W	John M & Charlie H	Vicki T