



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

24th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C
30 October 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

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 119:137-144)*

You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right.

You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.

Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.

Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you come to seek and save the lost. You cover us with mercy and uphold us in times of trouble. Even when evil is all around, you show us a vision of justice and empower us with your own Spirit, so that we do not lose hope. All thanks and praise to you, O God, for you come to save us and set us free In the name of Jesus we

pray. Amen.

†**Hymn 61:** *Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect*

†**Call to Confession**

*We are broken vessels that hold no water, yet God is gracious to us.
(Jeremiah 2:13) Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.*

†**Prayer of Confession**

**Sovereign God, we confess that have not turned away from sin.
We follow the crowd around you but stand apart, keeping our
distance. We ask for your mercy and favor, but begrudge your
blessing to others. Forgive us, God of grace. Come to us and save
us, for without you, we are lost, but in you, our lives are found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

†**Declaration of Forgiveness**

*As a potter holds a piece of clay, God holds and shapes our lives.
(Jeremiah 18:6) In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

Thanks be to God.

†**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.*

Scripture Reading: *Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4*

(1:1-4) *The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.*

(2:1-4) *I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said:*

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jim Mays

†**Hymn 779:** *How Long, O God, Will My Prayers Be In Vain?*

†**Prayers of the People**

*Trusting in the power of God to deliver us, let us make our prayers of intercession for all. We pray for the church . . . Let our faith in you and love for others continue to flourish and grow, bearing witness to your grace at work. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for the world . . . Look with mercy on this weary world, full of trouble, violence, and destruction. Let the day of salvation quickly come. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for this community . . . Help us to rise above and look beyond the suspicions, fears, and prejudices that keep us separate from our

*neighbors. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for loved ones . . . Be a hiding place for those in distress.
Preserve them from their trouble and surround them with gladness and
joy. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.***

*Merciful and mighty God, as you are one, make us one with you through
Jesus Christ, whom you have sent to redeem us, and in whose holy name
we pray. **Amen.***

†**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 417:** *Lord Jesus, Think On Me*

†**Charge and Blessing**

Proclaim the message, be persistent in prayer, do the work of the gospel, and carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord. (2Tim 4:2, 5; Lk 18:1)

The Lord bless and keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. (Psalm 121:8)

†**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

UNICEF Trick-or-Treating will be this afternoon. Anyone who would like to help collect for UNICEF, please be at the church at 4:00pm.

Youth Group will meet this Wednesday (2 November) for Bingo Night.

Session Meeting – Session members please note that we will have a called meeting tonight, 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.

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. The congregational meeting to dissolve the call will be held during morning worship.

All Saints' Day will be celebrated next Sunday (6 November). If you would like for the name of a loved one to be included in the liturgy for

next week (generally someone who has died within the past 12 months, but we will include any requests), please text or email those names to Brian by **Tuesday, 1 November**.

This Week at TRPC

Wednesday, 2 November	25th Sunday after Pentecost (6 Nov)	Food Bank & Sam's Purse (November)
6:30 – dinner 7:00 – Bingo	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macaroni & Cheese (FB) • Donations for shipping (SP)

Worship Leadership

Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Communion
30 Oct	Blair S	Carroll H & Charlie H	N/A
6 Nov	Wallace W	Kenton C & Charlie H	Vicki T
13 Nov	William B	Charles B & Charlie H	N/A
20 Nov	Kenton C	John M & Charlie H	Amy C
27 Nov	Blair S	Gary M & Charlie H	N/A