



**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church**  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Year A  
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20 August 2017 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**

1. Session has authorized a love offering, beginning today, to assist a Timber Ridge person through a time of need. Mark your gift "love offering."
2. Bennie's recital will be on Aug. 27 at 4:00 pm. Please bring a vegetarian snack to share.
3. Church yard sale on Sept. 9, at the Edmondsons' house. Need items to sell as well as people to help.
4. A new church directory is in the works. Please provide your current contact information to Betty Bird. Thanks!
5. If you would like to add a rock to the pile in the basket (either silently or sharing a few words) to celebrate God making his presence and faithfulness known in a special way, you are invited to do so during the announcement time.
6. See the last page for more information about on-going outreach projects and other events.

**Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship (*Psalm 148:1-2*)**

Praise the LORD.

**Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.**

Praise him, all his angels; praise him all his heavenly hosts.

**Praise the LORD.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**God of all glory, in the beginning you spoke light into the darkness of the void. Signaling a new beginning, you raised Jesus out of the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day, grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen.**

**†Hymn 275: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

### **†Call to Confession**

God is holy. In his presence, our faithlessness cannot be hidden. God is also faithful. In his presence, we confess without fear, so that we might rise up and praise without burden. Let us pray together.

### **†Prayer of Confession**

**Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. In your great mercy, forgive our aimless wanderings and our misdirected desires. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **†Declaration of Forgiveness**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **†The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**+ + + 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:**

Matthew 8:18-23

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem**

**Children's Time**

**Sermon:**

Tag-Along or Follower?

†**Hymn 634: "To God Be the Glory"**

**Prayers of the People**

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**Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

**Offering**

All that we are and all that we have belongs to God. Apart from God, we are nothing. As he is generous, may we also be generous.  
Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

†**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 Dedication and Thanksgiving** (*1 Chronicles 29:11*)

Yours, O LORD, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory.  
**All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you. Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

**†Hymn 833: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"**

**Charge and Blessing**

**†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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Contact information for Rev. Dr. Christine T. Bohn, Interim Pastor:  
pastorchris@trpctn.org.

The congregation of Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome to all who are joining in worship this morning for the first time or the first time in a long time. Our prayer is that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:17-19).

## + + + INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST (8/13/17) + + +

### Prayer Requests

Sandra Carter - healing from cancer  
Johanna - comfort, wisdom, and provision  
Lori Askew - treatment began 6/26  
Negetha - healing  
Ethan Self - truth/justice in appeal process  
Susan Roberts  
Glenwood Elementary School community  
Ken Martin - cancer  
Jerry Cohen - cancer  
Outreach events ("Feed My Sheep")

Tracey Daniels - healing from bone cancer  
a friend of Bennie - God knows  
Virginia Umphries - stroke  
Lisa - experiencing a loss  
Will - traveling for work  
People in accident on 11E on 8/4  
Kathy P. - broke her leg 8/3  
Corine P. - health  
Courage to stand for truth  
Those affected by Charlottesville violence  
Nick Vallie - health

### Praise Reports

Gift bags presented to Glenwood Elementary School staff on 8/4  
Supplies delivered to Glenwood classrooms on 8/10  
It's been one year since Tony Bird's last stroke.  
Carolyn Bowers' tumor is gone!  
Jerry Cohen is back at home now.

\*\*\*A prayer request will generally be kept on the printed list for two weeks, unless there is a specific request that it continue.

### + + Glenwood Outreach + +

- "Lord, what is it you want TRPC to do?" and "How shall we feed your sheep?" Your prayers and ideas are needed.
- How is God calling you to participate? Prayer? Donations? Time? Other ways?
- Glenwood School sent a thank-you card signed by all the staff. It will be posted in the narthex.

**++ Food Bank item: August is spaghetti sauce.** Box in narthex. ++

**++ Samaritan's Purse: August is school supplies.** Box in narthex. ++

### ++ Events ++

- **Sunday School**, 9:30am, in the fellowship hall; studying the Book of Acts.
- **Nurture Committee Meeting** - Wednesday, August 23, 6:30pm, to discuss retreat.
- **Bennie's Recital** - Sunday, August 27, 4pm. Please bring a vegetarian snack to share.
- **Church Yard Sale** - Saturday, September 9, at the Edmondson's house. Need items to sell and people to help.
- **Presbyterian Women** - Next meeting, Monday, September 11, 7pm.
- **Intercessory Prayer Group**, Thursday afternoons at 1:00, in the fellowship hall. Do you have a heart for prayer? Please join in. Do you have a prayer request? Please share your request during worship today or leave a written note in the offering plate.

