



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A
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17 September 2017 at 10:45

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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. The Presbyterian Women (PW) will be collecting items (furniture, clothing, toys, etc.) for Sunset Gap until October 15. Please put items in the Fellowship Hall.
2. Next session meeting is Wednesday, September 27, 6:30.
3. Session has authorized a love offering to assist a Timber Ridge person through a time of need. Mark your gift "love offering."
4. It's that time of year again!! Our retreat days are fast approaching. Come join us for Faith, Fellowship and Fun in beautiful Banner Elk, North Carolina. It will be September 29 - October 1. If you would like to come please let Kimra know.
5. A new church directory is in the works. Please provide your current contact information to Betty Bird. Thanks!
6. 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.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 117*)

Praise the LORD, all you nations.

Extol him all you peoples.

For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone Join us together by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom your Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Hymn 269: "Lead On, O King Eternal! "

†Call to Confession (*1 John 1:8-9*)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

†Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you. Have mercy on us in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, O God, cleanse us from our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Declaration of Forgiveness (*1 Peter 2:24*)

Hear this good news: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

†The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As God has showered us with mercy, let us also have mercy toward one another. Let us share the peace of Christ.

+ + + 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:

Romans 12:9-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message -- Olivia Marengo, sharing about her year in Scotland as a Young Adult Volunteer with the PCUSA

†Hymn 370: “This is My Father’s World”

Prayers of the People

... **Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found. Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love. Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us, and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness.**

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

Blessed are you, God of all creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

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†Hymn 81: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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.

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 (9/17/17) + + +

Prayer Requests

Sandra Carter - healing from cancer
Vicki Trantham- cancer, healing after surgery
Johanna - 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")

All those affected by Hurricane Harvey
 Elizabeth (Sandra's mother) - transitioning to nursing home
 Pastor Chris - healing of torn ligament
 All those affected by Hurricanes Irma and Jose
 Meme - health
 Jack Trantham - in hospital
 Dr. Dan Palmer – health
Praise Reports
 April's new job
 A small but faithful contingent of workers for the yard sale

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

++ Sunset Gap: Furniture, clothing, toys, ... until October 15. Place items in the Fellowship Hall.

++ Food Bank: Sept. is pasta. (Sauce, too.) Box in narthex. ++

++ Samaritan's Purse: Sept. is small games. Box in narthex. ++

+ + Glenwood Outreach + +

- "Lord, what is it you want TRPC to do?" and "How shall we feed your sheep?" Your prayers, ideas, donations, and action are needed.

- **Session Meeting** - Wednesday, September 27, 6:30.
- **Church Retreat** - Friday, September 29 - Sunday, October 1.
- **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.
- **Sunday School**, 9:30am, in the fellowship hall; studying the Book of Acts.

++ Events ++

- **Presbyterian Women** - Next meeting, Monday, October 2, 7pm. ??? to host.