



**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church**  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B  
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28 January 2018 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. 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.
2. Session will meet Sunday, January 28, at 5:00.
3. Would you like to share your talent for sewing or other stitch craft? There are students at Glenwood who would like to learn. Please talk with Ruth Burkey.

**Choral Introit**

**Call to Worship** (*Psalm 111:2-4*)

Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

**Glorious and majestic are all his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused his wonders to be remembered.

**The LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

**Opening Prayer**

**God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never-ending. Enable us to love you with all our hearts and to love one another as Christ loves us, through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

†**Hymn 181: "Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"**

†**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** (*Psalms 111:10*)

**Holy God, your Word states: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise." We confess that we think of you as smaller than you really are, and that too often we simply do not think of you. We stray from your ways. We do not know as much as we think we know. Our praise is diluted and misdirected. Forgive us, Lord. By your grace, give us wisdom, that we might live to your glory; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

†**Declaration of Forgiveness** (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

Brothers and sisters, hear this good news: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life is begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

†**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another and share with one another 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:**  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-59

**Choral Anthem**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon:** Stephen

†**Hymn 755: "Alleluia! Laid and Blessing"**

**Prayers of the People**

... Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory.

**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** (*Psalm 24:1*)

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

With gladness, let us present the offering of our life and labor to the Lord.

†**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**

Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all that is good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life.

**Gracious God, who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you; and, with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

**†Hymn 661: "Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"**

**†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:  
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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 (1/28/18) + + +

### Prayer Requests

Sandra Carter - cancer  
Vicki Trentham - cancer  
Lori A. - health  
Negetha - healing  
Ethan Self - truth/justice in appeal process  
Susan Roberts  
Glenwood Elementary School & Outreach  
Ken M. - cancer  
Jerry C. - cancer  
TeNisha - on dialysis; needs kidney  
Ruth's mom (dementia) and sister  
(caregiving)  
Diane Morrell - health  
Jamie - throat cancer  
Phyllis W. - health (pancreatic cancer)  
David H. - health (lung cancer)  
Nick V. - health

Jennifer - aggressive breast cancer  
Mike C. - health  
Toni W. - cancer  
Stella H. - health  
Patsy G. - chemo treatments  
Hilda J. - health  
Holly H. - dementia; healing  
Betty W. - stroke  
Tracey D. - cancer  
William - moved to rehab from ICU  
Tim C. - cancer  
Foster family - lost home in fire 1/9  
Joyce W. - God's embrace of love and  
healing for Joyce and her whole family  
Junior Baker - health  
Hannah - health  
Kristen and Zakk - lost home in fire 1/22

### Praise Reports

Ellie - son has been declared cancer-free!

\*\*\*Prayer requests stay on printed list for a few weeks, unless specifically requested to continue.

**++ Samaritan's Purse: Collecting gloves, hats, and scarves in January.**

More info about the plan for 2018 coming soon. ++

**++ Food Bank: January item is canned pinto beans. Collection box is in the narthex. ++**

### **+ + Glenwood Outreach + +**

- A teacher has requested volunteers to share sewing and needlework skills with her students. Interested? Questions? See Ruth Burkey.
- To contribute financially, mark your donation "for Glenwood outreach."

### **++ Events ++**

- **Interim Team** (Beth, Paul, and Chris) **Meeting** - Tuesday, January 30, Noon.
- **Session Meeting** - Sunday, January 28, 5pm.
- **Presbyterian Women** - Tuesday, February 6, 7pm. Hosting: Zelma.
- **Intercessory Prayer Group**, Thursday afternoons at 1:00, in the fellowship hall. Share requests during worship or leave a note in the offering plate.
- **Sunday School**, 9:30am, in the fellowship hall; studying the Book of Acts.

