



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A
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13 September 2020

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.

Announcements

1. Most in-person activities, including gathering for Sunday morning worship, remain suspended for the foreseeable future. Each Sunday, worship resources and a message from Pastor Chris will be posted on Timber Ridge's Facebook page and website and mailed out to those who request hardcopy. The website and Facebook page also have devotions/meditations written by Pastor Chris.
2. The MIS Committee has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 19.
3. Session is scheduled to meet Sunday, September 20, at 1pm.
4. Begin worship by observing a few moments of silent reflection to quiet heart and mind before God and to notice ways God's presence and faithfulness have been made known to you in the last week. Please email or call Pastor Chris to add what you have noticed to the prayer list so that we all might be edified and encouraged.

Call to Worship (*Romans 14:8-9*)

Whether we live or die, we belong to God. Christ is Lord of the dead and the living.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

+ + + LITURGY OF THE WORD + + +

Prayer for Illumination

God of abundant life, nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

[Acts 6:8-15 & 7:54-60](#)

Sermon:

[Stephen's Example](#)

Prayers of the People

(Our prayers matter. Take some time for intercessory prayer.)

(Timber Ridge's prayer list is provided on the last page of this document.)

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Mighty God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: Accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose for the earth.

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** (*Hebrews 13:16*)

Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Doxology

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

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, your goodness, your grace, your discipline, your patience, and your love. Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May the peace of God guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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Session: Charles Brumley (2020; clerk of session), Marilyn Brumley (2021; receiving treasurer), Hannah Crocker (2020), April Marengo (2022), Beth Morrell (2022), John Morrell (2021).

Sandra Carter is the disbursing treasurer.

Charlie Harmon is the choir director.

Beth Morrell is the assistant choir director.

**The ministry and mission of Timber Ridge continues. Please continue to give as the Lord leads, so that Timber Ridge can meet expenses and have resources to help in time of need. Tithes and offerings can be mailed directly to the receiving treasurer, Marilyn Brumley.

Food Bank: September – pasta

Samaritan's Purse: September – games

+ + + INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST (9/13/20) + + +

Prayer Requests

Ashton – health concerns
Ethan S. – protection & provision; awaiting results of final court appeal
Tenisha – hoping to get on transplant list
Margie L. - health & well-being
Edwina C. - health & well-being
Tony B. - health & well-being
Doyle E. - health
James W. - health
Ed B. (Beth's dad) - health/well-being
Ken & Inge H. - health
Family & friends grieving deaths –
Kortnee – peace & hope
Brian – receiving treatment
Ronnie C. – receiving treatments
Brown (friend of Sandra) – receiving treatments
Vicki's mom – health concerns
Joanne H. – health
Classmate of Blair's – non-Hodgkins lymphoma
Robin – knee still troubling
Shirley (Robin's mom) – home now
Caregivers

Praise Reports

Gratitude for the life of Zelma's sister Judy
Richard S. much better and back home

Teresa – home recovering from surgery
Patricia R. – lung cancer has recurred
Shar (in Pennsylvania) – ovarian cancer
Zelma – recovering from knee surgery
Micah B. – protection & provision
Bennie's neighbor – healing from broken bones; pain
Benjamin H. – health
Anonymous family – needs prayers
Katie – provision and guidance
Peggy – eye health
Those looking for work
Alexis - adjusting
Taylor W. – awaiting heart transplant
Residents and employees of local nursing home that have tested positive for COVID
All aspects of the coronavirus pandemic
Kathleen B. - health
Vicki T. – heart surgery scheduled September 21 in Knoxville
Amy – health problems
Judy – health issues
Betty – health issues

Please email/phone (or post on the online forum) new prayer requests and praise reports, as well as updates, to Pastor Chris so that they can be added to this list. Thanks