



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Advent, Year B
<http://www.lectionarypage.net/index.html>
29 November 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. 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.
2. There will be a very brief Christmas Eve service with communion, 3pm, at the pavilion. Bring your own elements. Contact Marilyn Brumley or Pastor Chris for more details.
3. Reminder—we are still collecting food items for the Greene County Food Bank.
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.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in days to come...

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

[Isaiah 2:4]

The first candle is lit.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship (Jeremiah 33:14)

The day of the Lord is surely coming; the promise of God will be fulfilled.

Opening Prayer

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the return of the Messiah Jesus, our judge and savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ + + LITURGY OF THE WORD + + +

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

[Isaiah 64:1-9](#)

Sermon:

[An Advent Prayer](#)

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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Bring peace, O God, to the world you have made: the peace that passes understanding and the promise of your new creation.

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**

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

Eternal God, as you led your people in ages past, you direct our journey into the future. We give you thanks that you came to us in Jesus Christ, and we eagerly await his coming again. 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: November – macaroni and cheese

Samaritan's Purse: November – \$9 for shipping

+ + + INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST (11/29/20) + + +

Prayer Requests

Ashton – health concerns
Ethan S. – protection & provision; awaiting results of final court appeal
Tenisha – in confinement in hospital
Margie L. - health & well-being
Edwina C. - health & well-being
Tony B. - health & well-being
Doyle E. - health
Carroll H. - health
Ed B. (Beth's dad) - health/well-being
Ken & Inge H. - health
Family & friends grieving deaths – Arlys Arnold
Kortnee – perseverance in recovery
Brian – receiving treatment
Brown (friend of Sandra) – receiving treatments
Vicki's mom – health concerns
Joanne H. – health
Classmate of Blair's – non-Hodgkins lymphoma
Robin – severe pain continues
Shirley (Robin's mom) – good days and not so good days
Caregivers
Teresa – home recovering from surgery
Patricia R. – lung cancer has recurred
Micah B. – protection & provision

Praise Reports

A successful surgery
God has provided a car for Bennie.
Praise and thanksgiving for the life of Phil's Aunt Arlys, who recently died just a month shy of her 99th birthday

Benjamin H. – health; doing a bit better
Katie – provision and guidance
Peggy – eye health
Those looking for work
Alexis – in children's hospital with infection
Taylor W. – awaiting heart transplant
All aspects of the coronavirus pandemic
Kathleen B. - health
Vicki T. – recovering from heart surgery
Amy – health
Judy – health
Maria (Chris' niece) – debilitating nerve pain
Julie (Chris' niece) – cancer
John B. – rescued little girl from possible drowning at great cost to his own health; home from hospital
Anonymous family – needs prayers
Neighbor – broken bones; is improving
John, Janie & Annette – hospitalized with Covid19
Andy – a difficult divorce
Evelyn C. – broken hip; surgery
Bennie – broken wrist and needs a new car; in cast until December 10 at least
Dave – treatments for leukemia; also pray for wife Nickie
Ken – healing
Phil – safe travels to South Dakota and back

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!