



**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church**  
Second Sunday of Advent, Year B  
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6 December 2020

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**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.*

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb;  
The leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
The calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,  
And a little child shall lead them.

[Isaiah 11:6]

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

**Call to Worship** (*Matthew 3:3*)

A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord!

**Opening Prayer**

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our redeemer, 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:**

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

**Sermon:**

[Joseph](#)

**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**

Loving God, by your Spirit open our eyes to the generosity of your hand and nurture our souls in all spiritual gifts. Fill us with gratitude overflowing that we may share life and love in praise to you. 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: December** – canned vegetables

**Samaritan's Purse: December** – pray

### **+ + + INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST (12/6/20) + + +**

#### 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 – Peggy Catron Hardin; Helen Thomas  
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  
Benjamin H. – health; doing a bit better

Katie – provision and guidance  
Peggy – eye health  
Those looking for work  
Alexis – home from hospital  
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  
Pearl Harbor Day  
Friends who have tested positive for Covid  
A friend starting chemo for stage 4 leukemia

#### Praise Reports

The sights of Christmas appearing in neighborhoods and at the church

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!