



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Advent, Year B
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13 December 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.
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. Special Offerings in December include the Coal Fund and the Christmas Joy Offering.
5. 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 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]

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. [Isaiah 35:1]

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

Call to Worship (*Philippians 4:4-5*)

Rejoice in the Lord; again, rejoice! Be gentle to all; the Lord is near.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you. Prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, 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:

[John 1:6-8, 19-28](#)

Sermon:

[Advent Echoes](#)

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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Watching and waiting for the coming of Christ, we pray for the promise of the new creation, saying: Come quickly, Lord; our hope is in you.

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, help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will. 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 (12/13/20) + + +

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 –
Kortnee – perseverance in recovery
Brian – receiving treatment
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. – health
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
Andy – a difficult divorce
Evelyn C. – broken hip; surgery
Bennie – recovering
Dave – treatments for leukemia; also pray for wife Nickie
Friends who have tested positive for Covid
A friend starting chemo for stage 4 leukemia
Anthony – torn bicep tendon; surgery
December 17
Jan and family – lots of illness in family

Praise Reports

Laycie Ann Elizabeth, born November 27, Sandra and Anthony's newest grandchild!
Sandra's friend Brown has completed treatments and is doing well.

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!