



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Christmas, Year B
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27 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. Reminder—we are still collecting food items for the Greene County Food Bank.
3. Special Offerings in December include the Coal Fund and the Christmas Joy Offering.
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 (*Colossians 3:15-16*)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ + + LITURGY OF THE WORD + + +

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Sermon:

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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Receive all these prayers, O God, in the tenderness of your mighty hand, and strengthen our hands to serve 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

Eternal God, we praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world. We give ourselves to you. Amen.

Blessing

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

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**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 (12/27/20) + + +

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 – Patricia Ricker (Patrick's grandmother)
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) – health/well-being
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; doing a bit better
Julie (Chris' niece) – cancer; returning to work (online) in January
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; recovering from surgery
Jan and family – lots of illness in family
Darwin J. – seriously ill, in hospital

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.
Kortnee is scheduled to go home in early January.

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!