

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Year B <u>http://www.lectionarypage.net/index.html</u> 7 February 2021

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 collecting food items for the Greene County Food Bank.
- 3. At the January 24 session meeting, session decided to look into using the internet to bring the congregation together for worship and study and fellowship. Also, **the 2020 Annual Report is now available** and may be picked up in the narthex.
- 4. Donations for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** will be received throughout February; this special offering will support the GGCCM Food Bank.
- 5. Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021.
- 6. 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 (1 Corinthians 9:23)

Do all things for the sake of the gospel. So may we share in the blessings of God.

Opening Prayer

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 1:1-13, 1:31-2:1

Sermon:

<u>Ex Nihilo</u>

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 our prayer in the tenderness of your mighty hand and keep us forever in the safety of your outstretched arm.

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.

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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

Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

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

Contact information for Rev. Dr. Christine T. Bohn, Interim Pastor: cell # (423) 329-5822 [when in Greeneville]; home # (423) 487-5400; no texts. email addresses: bohnchristine@rocketmail.com or pastorchris@trpctn.org. **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: February – canned soup

Samaritan's Purse: February – accessories

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Praver Requests Ashton – health concerns Ethan S. - protection & provision; awaiting results of final court appeal TeNisha – dialysis 5 days a week 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 - adjusting to life at home Brian – receiving treatment Vicki's mom – health concerns Joanne H. – health Classmate of Blair's – non-Hodgkins lymphoma Caregivers Teresa – home recovering from surgery Patricia R. – lung cancer has recurred Micah B. – protection & provision Katie – provision and guidance

Those looking for work All aspects of the coronavirus pandemic Kathleen B. - health Vicki T. – health Amy – health Judy – health John B. - rescued little girl from possible drowning at great cost to his own health; home from hospital Anonymous family – needs prayers Andy – a difficult divorce Bennie – ongoing therapy to rehab her wrist Friends who have tested positive for Covid A friend starting chemo for stage 4 leukemia Anthony - torn bicep tendon; recovering from surgery Darwin J. - seriously ill, in hospital April – health Kimra - health Mike R. and family – health Alexis - home from hospital; still dealing with infections Cindy – hernia surgery February 1 Matt – pneumonia and more

Praise Reports

Gratitude for answered prayers and abundant blessings Dave – treatment has gone well; numbers are improving

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!