

**Pastoral Concerns:**

The family of Mary Lammey, Bernice Hamrick, Lisa Thomas, Becky Justus, Bobby Justus, Sylvia Mahaney, Pat Medley, Vickie Hughes, Cathy Dobson, Josie Potter, Deborah Harkins, Wendy Blake, Sam Davenport, Helen Haberneck, Erin Haberneck, Carroll Marshal, David McKinney, Mike Duncan, Theo Weger and his parents Daniel and Christiana, Gus and Pat McKinney, Phillip and Caroline McKinney, the Atkins Family, Martha Pound, Troy Nicholson, Lesha Justus, Eveline Horrell, Judy Weger, Helen Greene, Gay Holcombe, Conner Miller, Walt Smith, Michelle Pitsenburger, and Mandy Dale

**Announcements:**

We are making plans for our Fall Backpack and School Supplies Program. Here are some items that we will need. Backpacks for ages 5-17. Wide ruled paper, spiral notebooks, crayons, #2 pencils, pens, markers and basic school supplies. Also grooming items such as toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, hair-ties, and socks. Financial donations happily accepted. Please leave your contributions on the tables in the fellowship hall. Thanks so much for your generous support!

We will be having Lunch together today 12:30.  
The session will meet after lunch.

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**Grassy Creek Presbyterian**

*July 31, 2016*

*We Worship, We Share, We Serve*

**Announcements and Welcome****Passing of the Peace**

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

**Prelude:****Preparation for the Word****\*Call to Worship**

L: So many things draw us away from God.

**P: We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.**

L: We place our interest in temporal things.

**P: But Christ calls us to a higher level.**

L: We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

**P: We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion. Amen.**

*\*Hymn of Praise—*

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things. We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people. We focus our energies on our collections providing adequate room for them and yet we bar the door to the needs of others, of those who have little or nothing, of those for whom life has been a constant struggle. We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you. Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth, both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope. Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this world. For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

L: Children of God, blessings have been poured upon you so that you may use them to help others.

**P: God walks with us and guides our steps as we reach out in compassion, mercy and justice to all in need. Amen.**

## **The Word Proclaimed**

### **First Lesson**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem:**

### **Second Lesson**

**Psalm 107: 1-9, 43**

**Luke 12: 13-21**

**Sermon:**                    **“Open the Barn Door”**  
                                      **Pastor, Jim Taylor**

## **Response to the Word**

*\*Hymn of Response—*

**\*Affirmation of Faith—An Affirmation of Faith (insert)**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

God of abundant blessing! We give our gifts this day as a declaration that the only place our trust is well invested is in you! Use these gifts for your ends, that all might better know the real treasure of your kingdom. In Christ’s holy name we pray. Amen. (Luke 12:13-21)

*\*Hymn of Sending—*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

*\*Please stand if able.*

## **An Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God,  
Creator of the universe,  
Giver of every good gift,  
Author of life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom,  
who commanded us to care for those in need,  
who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not earth,  
and who gave us the example of self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts,  
to be shared freely and generously,  
in a spirit of love and joy.

We acknowledge that we are merely stewards  
of all that is God's,  
caretakers of God's home.

We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship,  
a means of praising God, who has blessed us so abundantly.  
We believe that God has great things in store for us,  
for it is in giving that we receive

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