

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, Martha Pound, Lesha Justus, Eveline Horrell, Judy Weger, Helen Greene, Gay Holcombe, Conner Miller, Walt Smith, the Wyatt family, and Dennis Dale

Announcements:

John Hall has agreed to slip on a pair of red high-heeled shoes for our Mitchell County SafePlace Walk -A- Mile In Her Shoes fundraiser on Saturday, October 15 if we can raise \$500 dollars. For \$1,000, he'll even shave his legs! Please contact Myron Hall if you would like to help John hit that goal for SafePlace!!

The Stop Hunger Now event will take place Sat. Oct. 1st at Harris Middle School here in Spruce Pine. Starts at 9:00 should be over by noon. A good size team is 10 people, but more is fine. Age from 4 to 104. The more money we raise determines the # of tables we will have and of course the # of meals we can bag. Last year our Church gave \$300.00 toward the event. There is a link on our website.

Pastor Jim will be on vacation/study leave for the first two Sundays in September. Bob Ayala and Bobby Justice will be preaching.

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian

August 28, 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: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (367)

Preparation for the Word

***Call to Worship**

L: With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord, who has brought you here and blessed you.

P: Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.

L: With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need, remembering God's mercy in your own life.

P: Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord with Great joy!

P: Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God in gratitude. Let us worship the Lord indeed!

**Hymn of Praise—343 Called as Partners In Christ’s Service*

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the light; but the seductive light too often captures us and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. We have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to help others and to serve you. Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is your way to true life. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

All: You have lifted us and dusted us off, O Lord. You have claimed us as your own. Let us celebrate your love for us in lives of service to others; for you are with us always. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Anthem: *God Will Supply*

Second Lesson

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Sermon:

“Dinner with Jesus”

Pastor, Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

**Hymn of Response—358 Help Us Accept Each Other*

***Affirmation of Faith—Brief Statement of Faith (insert)**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Be Thou My Vision (339)*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Holy God, please take this paper and these coins that we bring before you and transform them into something new. May they show your hospitality, your love, and your justice, as they push us towards your righteousness in this world as we invite all to the banquet table of your love. Amen.

**Hymn of Sending—386 O for a World*

***Charge and Benediction**

**Please stand if able.*

Brief Statement of Faith—The Holy Spirit

Leader: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

People: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

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People: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

All: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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