

Pastoral Concerns:

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Announcements:

We will be having lunch together today at 12:30. The Church will provide hotdogs and buns. Please bring a side dish and join us. Session will meet right after lunch. We will also be asking you to pick out hymns for worship today so be thinking about it! 5th Sunday sing will also be at Newdale tonight with covered dish at 5:30.

Tuesday evening study on Adam Hamilton's book "Half Truths" continues. The group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 at Newdale Church. All are welcome.

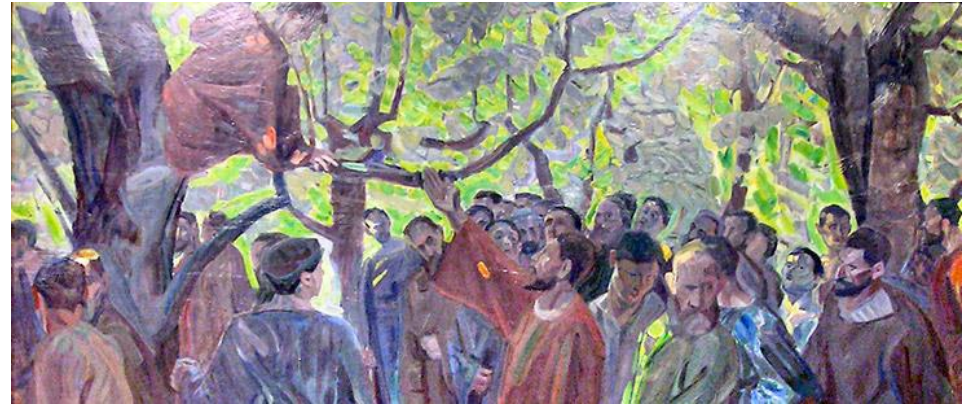
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Grassy Creek Presbyterian

October 30, 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: *Let There Be Praises*

Preparation for the Word

***Call to Worship**

L: The Lord bids us, "Hurry and come down from that tree!"

P: Like Zacchaeus, we welcome Christ joyfully!

L: The Lord bids us, "Hurry and come down from that tree!"

P: We stumble, we fall, we stand before the Lord.

L: The Lord bids us, "Hurry, for this day I am coming to your house."

P: Let us invite him in as we worship the God of our salvation! Amen!

***Hymn of Praise—**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Spirit of Life, we come acknowledging that we have turned away from the lives of others to our own selfish gain. We have abandoned a future together for quick successes here and now. We have become shortsighted, looking to our own desires and ignoring the needs of others. Call us away from the temptation of the world and bring us back to a fulfilling life, a life in which we live for others, for You, and live out Your call on our lives. In the name of Jesus, the Life who is the Light of all people.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint. We are all God's children, and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be.

P: Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made one; longing to serve, we are sent forth. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *If I Were A Butterfly*

Second Lesson

Psalm 119: 137-144

Luke 19: 1-10

Sermon:

“Climbing the Tree”

Pastor, Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

**Hymn of Response—*

**Affirmation of Faith—This I Believe (insert)*

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *This is My Father’s World*

**Doxology*

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving*

God, our Savior, you know each person by name. At times, we may stray from your way and not realize we are lost. Yet you kindly welcome us back, as you welcomed Zacchaeus. Help our church’s outreach ministries to reflect your grace. Give us courage by your Spirit to persevere in our faith commitments. Receive these offerings as a joyful outpouring of our thanks for your redeeming love through Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Luke 19:1-10*)

**Hymn of Sending—*

**Charge and Benediction*

**Please stand if able.*

This We Believe

(inspired by Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 4:18-22)

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I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.

Because Christ has called me in this I truly believe.
Amen.

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