

### **Pastoral Concerns:**

Bernice Hamrick, Lisa Thomas, Becky Justus, Bobby Justus, Sylvia Mahaney, Pat Medley, Vickie Hughes, Cathy Dobson, Josie Potter, Deborah Harkins, Wendy Blake, 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, the family of Gay Garland, Conner Miller, Bobby Teague, Walt Smith, the Wyatt family, the family of Martha Snipes, and Dennis Dale.

### **Announcements:**

**We are planning** a Thanksgiving Lupper for Sunday November 20th at 4:00. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

**Our next Session** meeting will be November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.

We are looking for new elders to share in the leadership of our church so please keep this in your prayers and consider God's call in your life.

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## **Grassy Creek Presbyterian**

*November 13, 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:** *Thank You God*

### **Preparation for the Word**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

**L:** The Lord is continually creating something new.

**P:** **We are part of that creation, renewed, redeemed, beloved.**

**L:** Through all this change, God is with us.

**P:** **Though we struggle and doubt, yet God is faithful.**

**L:** Praise be to God who continually blesses us.

**P:** **Let our hearts, our voices, and our spirits sing God's praises. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise—555 Now Thank We All Our God**

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we come before you this day as those who are often afraid to confess all the many ways in which we have disappointed and betrayed You. You have given us continual opportunities to serve and love others, but we have withdrawn into lives of selfishness and greed. We have turned our backs on others in need. We have denied the gifts you have given us. Where can we turn now that we have run from you? Your voice calls to us to come home, to come to you unafraid, to receive forgiveness and healing. Open our hearts this day to receive these magnificent blessings. Help us understand the many ways in which you love us, and help us share that love with all those whom we meet. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Even though we have turned away from God, yet God is faithful to us. We are beloved of God and recipients of God's love and blessings. Rejoice, children of God! For God's mercies are ever before us. Amen.

## **The Word Proclaimed**

### **First Lesson**

**Isaiah 65: 17-25**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem: *Give Thanks in Everything***

### **Second Lesson**

**Luke 21: 5-19**

## **Sermon:**

**“Endings and Beginnings ”**

**Pastor, Jim Taylor**

## **Response to the Word**

**\**Hymn of Response—473 For the Beauty of the Earth***

**\*Affirmation of Faith—This We Believe (insert)**

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

## **Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: *Wherever I May Wander (294)***

## **\*Doxology**

## **\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

O God, we long to make a difference in our world. We offer you what we have: our visions and dreams; our witness to your saving acts of love and justice; our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst. We offer you our very lives, that we may be coworkers with you to bring about true change. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\**Hymn of Sending—554 Let All Things Now Living***

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

**\**Please stand if able.***

## **This We Believe**

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

I believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

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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