

### **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:**

Thanksgiving Lupper today 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.

**There will be a performance** of the Christmas section of Handel's *Messiah* on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church Burnsville. Come out for an evening of beautiful music as you prepare for Christmas.

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## **Grassy Creek Presbyterian**

*November 20, 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: The Wonder of it All/It's God**

### **Preparation for the Word**

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

**L:** God has called all of us here beloved.

**P: We are given new names of hope and promise.**

**L:** Even though storms and trials have assailed us,

**P: God has drawn us through to the time of salvation.**

**L:** Thanks be to God for God's victory in Jesus Christ!

**P: May Jesus reign in our hearts all of our days. AMEN.**

*\*Hymn of Praise—423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people: we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive; we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us; we scoff at your words which call us to a different way of living. Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**L:** This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us - and redeems us!

**P:** God prepares the way for us - the way to grace, to hope, to new life. Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.

## **The Word Proclaimed**

### **First Lesson**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 1: 68-79**

**Anthem:** *Thanks Be to God*

### **Second Lesson**

**Luke 23: 33-43**

## **Sermon:**

**“Remembering Him ”**

**Pastor, Jim Taylor**

## **Response to the Word**

**\*Hymn of Response—551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

**\*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles’ Creed**

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

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: *It Took a Miracle***

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

God of majesty, we praise you, for you are the king of the universe. You have conquered sin and death through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, your Son. Now he reigns with you on high. We are grateful that your kingdom abounds in forgiveness, righteousness, and peace. May Christ reign in our hearts, and may we may share his generous love with others. In joy, we offer our time, talents, and treasure to witness to your kingdom as we await the return of Christ in glory.

Amen. (*Luke 23:33-43*)

**\*Hymn of Sending—*God Is So Good (insert)***

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Please stand if able.**

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