

Pastoral Concerns:

Bernice Hamrick, Lisa Thomas, Becky Justus, Bobby Justus, Sylvia Mahaney, Pat Medley, Vickie Hughes, Cathy Dobson, 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, Joe Davenport, Shirley Hise, Gus McKinney, the family of Lisa Jo McMahan, and Dennis Dale.

Announcements:

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian

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We Worship, We Share, We Serve

Announcements and Welcome Congregational Meeting

Passing of the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Prelude: *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

Preparation for the Word

***Call to Worship**

Baptized to begin lives of faith,
*we would witness to all you do in our communities, in our
midst, in our world.*

Baptized to serve,
*we would speak up for the voiceless, we would bring justice to
those who have none.*

Baptized to speak,
we would heal, and not hurt; we would bless, and not curse.

Baptized to do what is right,
we would not play favorites, but treat each as your Beloved.

**Hymn of Praise—483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Unison Prayer of Confession

We try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives, Patient God, for we know how disruptive he can be. He wants us to preach the gospel with our lives, but we prefer to complain how hard that is to do. He wants us to do what is right, yet wrong-doing comes so easily for us. He would like us not to give up until justice is done, but we just don't seem to have the time. We confess because we know we need to be forgiven by you, Glory and Grace. Bathe us in the life-giving waters of your mercy so we can come up from the water, ready to do good for others, to give you all the praise, to learn justice, grace, and hope from your Servant, Jesus Christ.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart. Believe this good news, my friends!

The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace. Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *If You Only Knew Him*

Second Lesson

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Matthew 3: 13-17

Sermon:

“Follow Me”

Pastor, Jim Taylor-CLP

Reaffirmation of Our Baptismal Covenant

Response to the Word

**Hymn of Response—70 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized (tune of Amazing Grace)*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Let Him In*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Great, saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore, we praise you with our tithes and offerings. May they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to all the world! Amen

**Hymn of Sending—387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

***Charge and Benediction**

**Please stand if able.*

Postlude