

Pastoral Concerns:

Bernice Hamrick, Lisa Thomas, Becky Justus, Bobby Justus, Sylvia Mahaney, Pat Medley, Vickie Hughes, 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, 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:

Next Sunday we will have lunch together at 12:30. Chicken tenders will be provided so bring a dish to pass and enjoy. Session will meet after lunch.

5th Sunday sing at Newdale begins with dinner at 5:30.

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian

January 22, 2017

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:

Preparation for the Word

***Call to Worship**

To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.

God is indeed our light and our salvation.

We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.

Let us worship our God of light and promise.

Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

***Hymn of Praise—455 All Creatures of Our God and King**

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of our light and our salvation, sometimes we prefer to live in darkness, embracing the safety and anonymity of the shadows; sometimes we delight in our divisions, believing we are better than others; sometimes the yoke of our calling feels too heavy, and we seek to slip out from under the bar across our shoulders. Forgive our fear. Forgive our aversion to the light. Forgive our unresponsiveness to your call. Forgive our willful blindness and deafness to the Way. Help us know deep in our souls that you are our light and our salvation, our joy and our wonder, our very life. Hear us as we cry aloud in our need.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our God of light and love hears us when we cry aloud.

We have nothing to fear.

Know that this God of light wraps us in comforting arms, lifts us from the darkness of our guilt and sin, and forgives us once and for all.

We know we will dwell in safety in God's house, now and forevermore. Amen!

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Family of God/Bind Us Together

Second Lesson

Matthew 4: 12-23

Sermon:

**“Just As You Are”
Pastor, Jim Taylor-CLP**

Response to the Word

**Hymn of Response—Will You Come and Follow Me (insert)*

Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Great God of Heaven and Earth, what can we offer in thanksgiving for the gift of light and life and love we have received from you and from your Beloved Community here on earth? We offer our all: our resources, our energy, our time, our very selves to answer your call and to follow without fear. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

**Hymn of Sending—357 O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

***Charge and Benediction**

**Please stand if able.*

Postlude

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

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 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

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 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

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 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

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 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
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