

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, the Wyatt family, Joe Davenport, Shirley Hise, the family of Lisa Jo McMahan, Sam Deyton, and Dennis Dale.

Announcements:

We will have lunch together at 12:30 today. Chicken tenders and rolls 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. Weather permitting.

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian
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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

L: People of God, who do you come to worship?

P: **We come to worship the one true God.**

L: How will you worship?

P: **Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.**

L: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

P: **Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.**

**Hymn of Praise—261 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision. Hear now the confessions of our hearts.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.

P: Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings us healing, justice and peace. Amen!

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Matthew 5: 1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Blest Are They (Glory to God Hymnal)*

Second Lesson

Micah 6: 1-8, Psalm 15

Sermon:

“Foolishness”

Pastor, Jim Taylor-CLP

Response to the Word

****Hymn of Response—333 Seek Ye First***

Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Kum Ba Yah*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives—in places we often fail to recognize as blessing. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessing. Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about your beloved community, here and now. Amen.

****Hymn of Sending—339 Be Thou My Vision***

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude