

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, Heather English, and Dennis Dale.

Announcements:

Next Sunday, February 12th we will install our new Elders.

Sunday February 19th we plan to celebrate the Baptism of our precious Regan.

Our next Session Meeting will be Sunday March 5th at 1:30

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian

February 5, 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: *Open Our Eyes*

Preparation for the Word

***Call to Worship**

You are the salt of the earth;

We make the world full of flavor!

You are the light of the world;

We will shine our light for all to see!

For Christ has come to fulfill the law,

And we follow Jesus Christ, whose light shines in us.

Come, worship God, follow Jesus,

And may the Spirit guide us in our daily lives. Amen.

Hymn of Praise—285 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty One, we come before you, confessing that we are not consistent in your ways. We say one thing and do another. We say we love, then act out in hate. We say we care for our neighbors, but then we are silent when racism, sexism, and homophobia persist. Shine your light in us. Call us back to your ways. Help us to be consistent in living out your truth in this world: that you loved us so much, you sent your son for us, to lead us into life, to die to ourselves and our selfish ways. Guide us away from self-preservation and instead, hold us to your call to be last of all and servant of all. For it is in losing ourselves that we gain our lives. For it is in fully loving you that we become all of who you have intended us to be. In the name of Christ we pray.

(A moment of silent confession.) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's steadfast love is always present. God's peace is always near. Trust, and know that God is with you. Turn back, and find healing, hope, repentance, and restoration, for God loves you madly.

Thanks be to God we are forgiven. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Isaiah 58: 1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: He's as Close as the Mention of His Name

Second Lesson

Matthew 5: 13-20

Sermon:

Salt and Light
Jim Taylor, CLP

Response to the Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread (505)*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Holy God of mercy and might, you have called us to "flavor" the world with compassion and to illuminate the world with generous spirits. We give this morning with grateful hearts, hoping that in our giving the spotlight doesn't fall on us but on you! Bless the offering we give, and may the world come to know you and your son, as our light shines. We pray this in the name of your son, Jesus the Christ, who is love and light to the world. Amen. (Matthew 5:13-20)

Communion Hymn—505 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

***Closing Hymn—525 Here I Am, Lord**

***Charge and Benediction**

**Please stand if able.*