

### **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, Conner Miller, Bobby Teague, the Wyatt family, Joe Davenport, Shirley Hise, the family of Lisa Jo McMahan, Sam Deyton, Heather English, Bob Duncan (Reid's brother), Dr. Andrew Davis, Dennis Dale, and the family of Helen Greene.

### **Announcements:**

Session Meeting today at 1:30

**Lenten Lunch Series** begins March 8<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist in Burnsville. March 15 at Bald Creek UMC. March 22 at Micaville Presbyterian. March 29 at Higgins Memorial UMC. April 5<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian in Burnsville. Services begin at 12 noon with a light lunch to follow.

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## **Grassy Creek Presbyterian**

*March 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:** *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

### **Preparation for the Word**

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

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

***The word of the Lord is our daily bread.***

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

***Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.***

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

***We worship the Lord our God alone.***

As we enter this season of Lent, may we turn back to God!

***May we seek forgiveness, may we seek healing, may we seek wholeness. May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship!***

***Hymn of Praise—476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!***

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Led by the crafter of lies, Lord God, we wander into the wasteland of wrong-doing. We hunger for more and more, and feel emptier and emptier. We seek power, especially over others, only to do harm. By our choices, we worship the false gods of success, wealth, and spectacle. Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us for the power we give to temptation in our lives. Help us to become as vulnerable as Jesus, for in that vulnerability, we find the humility to trust you in all things; in that trust, we discover the grace which sets us free from the grasp of the shrewd one; in that freedom, we can leave our badlands behind, in order to follow Jesus in this life, and into the next.

(A moment of silent confession.) Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**L:** Be glad and rejoice! Give thanks with shouts of joy! Grace abounds for everyone.

**P:** **With glad cries of deliverance, we offer our thanks to God who loves us and forgives us. Amen**

## **The Word Proclaimed**

### **First Lesson**

**Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Anthem: Yield Not to Temptation*

### **Second Lesson**

**Matthew 4: 1-11**

## **Sermon:**

**Stones and Bread**

**Jim Taylor, CLP**

## **Response to the Word**

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory:**

#### **\*Doxology**

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Generous God, as we remember Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, we acknowledge the temptation that pursues so many of us: to measure our worth, our power and our security by what we have. As we offer these gifts to you this morning, we pray that you might deliver us from the temptation of building our lives around what belongs to us. Continually lead us to the conviction that what matters is that we belong to you. We pray in the name of our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

*(Matthew 4:1-11)*

*Communion Hymn—516 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

#### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*\*Closing Hymn—539 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

#### **\*Charge and Benediction**

*\*Please stand if able.*