

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, Cathy Fullerton, and the family of Helen Greene.

Announcements:

Lenten Lunch Series continues, March 29 at Higgins Memorial UMC. April 5th at First Presbyterian in Burnsville. Services begin at 12 noon with a light lunch to follow.

Holy Week services will begin Sunday April 9th and run through the 13th at First Presbyterian Church in Spruce Pine. Please join us as we prepare our hearts and spirits for Easter Sunday. Service begin at 7:00 each evening with light refreshments afterwards. This is sponsored by the Mayland Fellowship.

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian

March 26, 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: *Surely Goodness and Mercy*

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Christ who offered the outcast eternal life and living water meets us here.

All: Outcasts in our own way, we are offered the same gifts.

Let us praise the one who gives us hope through eternal love.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**Hymn of Praise—188 Jesus Is All the World to Me*

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink. So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water? You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow. But we do not trust enough that the spring is there. We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom. You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us. But we believe that the water is limited, not abundant and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves. For all the times we turn away from your Water, for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it, for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink, Forgive us we pray.

(A moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: The Water of Life flows with abundance to fill us with hope, to cleanse us of our guilt, to float us to a new life.

P: **Washed in the Living Water, we are forgiven and set free to live abundant life. Thanks and praise to God. Amen.**

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Fill My Cup Lord*

Second Lesson

Exodus 17: 1-7

John 4: 5-42

Sermon:

“Parched”
Jim Taylor, CLP

Response to the Word

Hymn of Response—184 *My Savior’s Love

***Affirmation of Faith—Congregational Affirmation (insert)**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *More Love to Thee*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn of Sending—138 *Higher Ground

***Charge and Benediction**

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

Congregational Affirmation

(based on Psalm 23)

You, O God, are our Shepherd.
You provide everything we need.
You let us rest in green meadows
and lead us beside quiet streams.

You renew our strength,
and guide us in ways that bring honor to Your name.

Even when we walk through difficult valleys,
we will not fear,
for you never are far away—
protecting and comforting,
guarding and guiding every step we take.

You prepare a feast for us
in the presence of our enemies.
You welcome us as friends
and lavish your blessings on us.

We know that your goodness and unfailing love
will continue to pursue us all the days of our lives,
and that after our lives here are over,
we will spend eternity in your presence. Amen.

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