

### **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, Dr. Andrew Davis, Dennis Dale, Cathy Fullerton, and the family of Helen Greene.

### **Announcements:**

**Presbytery Meeting will be Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> at Montreat**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** is coming up on April 31<sup>st</sup> and we will be having lunch together at 12:30. We also invite you to make your hymn or special music suggestions to Eveline so we can include those in the service. Session will meet afterwards.

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### **Grassy Creek Presbyterian**

*April 23, 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:** *He Lives*

#### **Preparation for the Word**

#### **Call to Worship**

We cannot help but share news of the good things that have occurred.

**Joy for our Lord's return is on the tips of our tongues. How can we keep from singing?**

We cannot help but be bathed in the Peace of Christ.

**Our holy one, the Alpha and Omega, has returned to equip us with the Holy Spirit.**

This morning may we be witnesses to the risen Christ.

**We come to worship the one entrusting us to spread his peace.**

*\*Hymn of Praise—122 Thine Is the Glory*

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Oh living Lord, you are the beginning and the end, and we cannot fathom your depths nor heights. We believe yet need your help in our unbelief. We receive your Holy Spirit yet do not spread your peace. We retain the sins of others and do not forgive as you call us to do. Oh Christ of our best and our worst, forgive us in your almighty power and wisdom. For we ask in the name of Jesus our risen Lord.

(A moment of silent confession) Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our hearts and gifts us with grace and hope.

**Christ comes to fill us with peace, so we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness for all. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **The Word Proclaimed**

**First Lesson**

**Ecclesiastes 3: 1-9, 12-14**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem: *Because He Lives***

**Second Lesson**

**John 20: 19-31**

**Sermon:**

**“The Last Laugh”  
Jim Taylor, CLP**

### **Response to the Word**

*\*Hymn of Response—92 Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

**\*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles’ Creed**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks***

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection, causing us to laugh with Joy. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

*\*Hymn of Sending—106 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

*\*Please stand if able.*