

Pastoral Concerns:

Bernice Hamrick, Lisa Thomas, Becky Justus, Bobby Justus, Sylvia Mahaney, Pat Medley, Vickie Hughes, Deborah Harkins, Faye Greer, Helen Haberneck, Carrol Marshall, 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 and Becky 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, Erin and Jaik Halpainy, Betty Pendley, Ava Holifield, Michelle Bonner, Cody and Megan McKinney, the family of Mary Lou Howell.

Announcements:

We had a wonderful time Thursday evening giving out backpacks and sharing a meal with over 60 people. We gave out 42 backpacks and saw so many children and families that we have known these last 4 years. Special Thanks to everyone who gave of their time, energy, and resources to make this a blessing to the families in the Wagon Master Community. You are amazing and God is doing good works through you!

Dates to remember:

Shepherd's Staff Empty Bowls Dinner and Auction – August 19th at First Baptist, Spruce Pine – 5:00-7:30 pm
Burnsville Riding Center Event – Horsin' Around with Mt Mitchell Road Kill Band – August 21st – 7:00-10:00 pm
Stop Hunger Now September 23rd at Higgins Methodist

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian *August 13, 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: *Morning Has Broken*

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

We gather to worship our God,

who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.

We gather to follow Jesus,

who encourages to never fear, for he is near.

We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

who anoints us so we can go to serve our world. Amen!

****Hymn of Praise—487 When Morning Gilds the Skies***

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know us too well. You know how easy it is for us to come to you and to proclaim loudly of our faith when all is going well. But when the waters get rough and the waves threaten to swamp our little boats, we cry and wail in fear. We are sure that these waves will be the very things that destroy us. Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves and place our gaze directly on you. Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call and to respond in faith. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. *(a moment of silent confession)*
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is the one who calls out to us in the storms of life and says, "It is I, do not be afraid." Trust that God is calling you, even when you cannot hear God's voice. Know that God loves you, even if you don't always feel loved. Know that you are forgiven, even if you don't always feel you deserve it. God loves you so much God has sent Jesus to the world, so that all of us might know God's love. Know this, and live. Amen

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Psalm 69: 1-3, 16-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)*

Second Lesson

Matthew 14: 22-33

Sermon:

Swimming Lessons

Pastor Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

****Hymn of Response—467 How Great Thou Art***

Affirmation of Faith—(insert)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—*Near To the Heart of God*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Lord of all creation who gives and holds nothing back, bless these gifts that we offer up to you this morning. Help us not just to give, but also to live more boldly and more generously. Grant in us the faith to step out of the places in our lives where we are so cautious and anxious that we miss the joy that comes from the kingdom-living Jesus taught. Help us to walk on water -- strong in our faith and keeping our eyes on Christ. In his holy name, we pray. Amen. *(Matthew 14:22-33)*

****Hymn of Sending—142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Verses 3 & 4***

***Charge and Benediction**

****Please stand if you are able.***

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

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