

### **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:**

### **Dates to remember:**

Stop Hunger Now September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Higgins Methodist

Pastor Jim will be on vacation the last two weeks of September.

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### **Grassy Creek Presbyterian**

*August 27, 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 Now, Thy Gates of Beauty*

### **Preparation for the Word**

### **Call to Worship**

Give thanks to God with our whole heart;

**Give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

May all the leaders of the world praise God's name;

**May all of us listen for the word of God.**

Sing of the ways of our God;

**For great is the glory of God.**

Come, worship God, and praise God's name;

**For God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*Hymn of Praise—489 *Open Now, Thy Gates of Beauty***

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we have failed to do justice. We have failed to show mercy to others but expect it for ourselves. We have forgotten to be kind. Wake us up to see the violence, the injustice and oppression in our world. Call us away from the worldly ways of looking after ourselves and our loved ones, and to Your ways of seeing all of Your people as our kin, all of creation as our home. Forgive us, help us to repent, to turn to You and to live into your ways of justice, peace and mercy. *(a moment of silent confession)* Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

L: God knows our hearts, and God knows when we desire to change how we view the world and how we live.

**P: God will help us onto right paths. God forgives us, and restores us, to do God's work in this world.**

L: Know that you are a beloved child of God, and that there is always the time to do something new. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

## **The Word Proclaimed**

### **First Lesson**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem: Shine, Jesus, Shine**

### **Second Lesson**

**Romans 10: 5-15**

**Matthew 16: 13-20**

## **Sermon:**

**The Name Game**

**Pastor Jim Taylor**

## **Response to the Word**

*\*Hymn of Response—403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**Affirmation of Faith—(insert)**

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

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory—*Rock of Ages***

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ's body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. For we offer them in Jesus' name. Amen.

*\*Hymn of Sending—379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

(From, *A Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA*)

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the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we  
trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone  
we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to  
the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the  
brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and  
calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and  
giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to  
life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing  
in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

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