

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, Cora Calloway, and the people of Texas.

Announcements:

Stop Hunger Now September 23rd at Higgins Methodist

Pastor Jim will be on vacation the last two weeks of September. Rev. Judy Weger will be preaching on the 17th and Rev. Larry Green will preach on the 24th

Mayland Fellowship will meet October 8th at Banner Elk Presbyterian. Special program by Zack Allen and Rev. Maggie Lauterer. Dinner is begins at 5:30. Hope you can join us for a wonderful evening.

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian

August 6, 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: *We Have Come into His House*

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

Have you heard God's call in your life?

We're not sure. Sometimes we think we know what God wants us to do; but at other times things are not very clear.

Place your trust in the Lord. God is with you always.

Lord, it is a scary thing to do--to just place our trust in you.

God is with you. You will be safe.

Thanks be to God who watches over us and guides us.

Amen!

***Hymn of Praise—476 O Worship the King**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, perhaps your voice issuing forth from a burning bush is what we need to shake us from our complacency. We have a hard time comprehending your call to us because we feel so inadequate to respond in faithful service. So we look to others to do the work. We are happy to support their efforts with our funds and our limited interest. Now, Lord, we need to take the next step into actual service to you. Forgive our slowness of action and heart, O Lord. Quicken our spirits to accept the call you have for us. Give us courage and strength to do your will and help others in need. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In the power of the burning bush, in the quiet stillness, in the everyday noises of living, God is calling to each one of us, telling us to trust in the gifts with which God has bestowed on us. You are beloved and blessed by God to be a blessing to others. Thanks be to God. Amen

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Second Lesson

Exodus 3: 1-15

Matthew 16: 21-26

Sermon:

Here I Am, Lord
Pastor, Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: God Is Here

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Dear God, we offer you now these gifts. Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed. Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope. Take our lives and use them for our very salvation. We pray through Jesus Christ, the one whom we follow even to the cross. Amen.

Communion Hymn—513 Let Us Break Bread Together

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

**Closing Hymn—438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Postlude

**Please stand if able.*

2017 Hurricane Harvey



The Zebony Wedding National Fund

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. — Song of Solomon 8:7

Hurricane Harvey may have been downgraded, but the torrential rains are still pounding parts of Texas and Louisiana. Historic flooding has forced rivers and streams from their banks and submerged homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people. We are relying on the generosity of Presbyterians to provide financial and hands-on support to help the whole church stand with these communities and the Presbyterian family as it responds to its neighbors.

The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Please give generously to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Designate gifts to DR000169-Harvey.

ACT: Put together Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas — hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are especially needed. For more information, go to pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/.

Contact the PDA Call Center to be notified of volunteer opportunities.
Call (866) 732-6121 or email pda.callcenter@pcusa.org.

PRAY: God, our Shelter, be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains of Harvey, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days. May our generosity in prayer and in tangible signs of support overflow more than floodwaters, to sustain your work of healing and rebuilding and to bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. Amen.

Keep up to date on long-term recovery efforts at presbyterianmission.org/pda or [facebook.com/PDACARES](https://www.facebook.com/PDACARES)

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Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

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