

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, Leshia 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 Halpains, Betty Pendley, Ava Holifield, Michelle Bonner, Cody and Megan McKinney, the family of Mary Lou Howell, The family of Ben Connor, Everyone dealing with the destruction of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

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 Greene 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 begins at 5:30. Hope you can join us for a wonderful evening.

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**Grassy Creek Presbyterian**

September 10, 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: *How Firm a Foundation***Preparation for the Word****Call to Worship**

Come out of the darkness of despair into the brightness of God's transforming love.

We praise God for God's presence with us!

Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

We thank God for God's mercy toward us.

Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.

Thanks be to God at all times and in all places. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise—138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Forgiving and loving God, our hearts are filled today with pain and concern for the future of humankind. Words of anger assail our airways — we cannot escape from the threats being thrown about. In our fear, we cry “Where are you, O Lord?” We wander around in the darkness of the spirit, seeking light and hope. Forgive us when we forget that you are always with us, through times of peace and times of war. Heal our souls. Bind the broken pieces of our lives back together with your gentle love and help us to reach out to others with the assurance of your love and presence for all, for we ask this in Jesus’ name. *(a moment of silent confession)* Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

We worship a forgiving God, whose mercy is never ending, whose heart abounds in steadfast love.

Because of the love of Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God. Hallelujah, Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson *The Earth is the Lord’s* **Psalm 95: 1-7**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Leave It There*

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4: 1, 6-10

Sermon: Cracked Pots and Shattered Crystal
Pastor Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

**Hymn of Response—527 Near to the Heart of God*

Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Generous God, it is through your mercy that we have this ministry—the ministry of our talents and treasure, the ministry of our passion and purpose. We offer you our broken lives and ask that you strengthen our hearts for your service, and accept the grateful offerings we lay before you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Hymn of Sending—357 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

***Charge and Benediction**

**Please stand if you are able.*