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, The family of Ben Connor, Everyone dealing with the destruction of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Announcements:

We welcome Reverend Judy Weger to lead in worship today! Rev. Larry Greene will preach on the 24^{th.}

Bobby Justus will be having triple bypass surgery September 21st. Let's hold Bobby and Becky in our prayers that day and the many days to follow as he recovers.

Stop Hunger Now September 23rd at Higgins Methodist

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 17, 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: Joyful, Joyful!

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall! *Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!* Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.

Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us. *Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all. Amen.*

*Hymn of Praise—150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Unison Prayer of Confession (Matthew 18, Romans 12) Lord, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives, your forgiveness is boundless in mercy when we fail to live in Christlike ways. And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge quick to find fault, quick to assign blame, quick to harden our hearts toward others. Set us apart, loving God, to extend and model the grace you have shown us by offering grace to others. We pray in the name of the One who died so that we might fully live.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, each one of us has received healing mercies.

We are now given opportunities to offer forgiveness and redemption to one another.

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** Romans 14: 1-12

Anthem: Leaning On the Everlasting Arms – Songs of Evangelism – page 35 – all sing!

Second Lesson

Matthew 18: 21-35

Sermon:

As We Forgive Reverend Judy Weger

Response to the Word

*Hymn of Response—345 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Giving God, all we are, and all we have, come from you. We offer back to you what has always been yours. As you have entrusted your gifts to us, so we return these gifts to you, trusting that you will multiply them to the great glory of your kingdom on earth. We pray through Jesus who gave the totality of his life for us. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending—341 Blessed Assurance

*Charge and Benediction *Please stand if you are able.