

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

Announcements:

We welcome Reverend Larry Greene this morning to lead us in worship!

Bobby Justus had bypass surgery this past Thursday. Let's continue to hold Bobby and Becky in our prayers for a full recovery!

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.

The Session will meet October 15th at 2:30

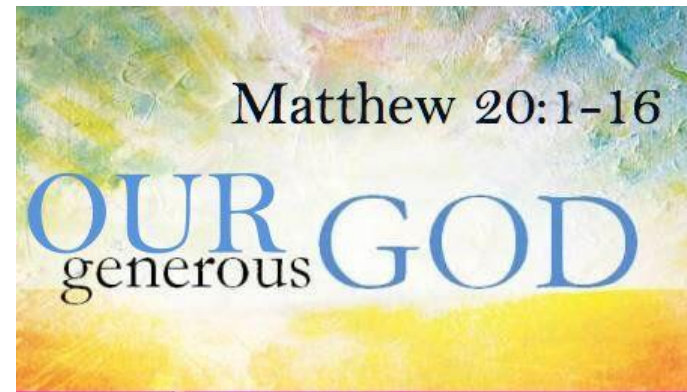
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Grassy Creek Presbyterian
September 24, 2017
We Worship, We Share, We Serve

Announcements and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prelude: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

Leader: Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

People: *Lord, come into our hearts this day.*

Leader: Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

People: *Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.*

Leader: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

People: *Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives. Amen.*

***Hymn of Praise—276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Forgiving Lord, we are such jealous people. We want to make sure that we get what we deserve, that we are always treated fairly. Yet we complain when you treat others, who have not worked as hard or been as faithful, with such love. Just like the workers in the Gospel lesson, we want to know why you are as generous with the late-comers as you are with us, after all, we whine, we've been here longer. You are merciful and compassionate. You do not count the time, but the quality of the heart. Forgive us, generous Lord, when we have been so petty about your love. Heal and restore us. Help us reach out with love and hope to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Blessings are showered on all who seek God. Come and rejoice! God has given you such love and mercy. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Jonah 3: 10 - 4: 11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: congregation sing together *Under His Wings* – page 57 in Standard Songs of Evangelism – All Sing.

Second Lesson

Matthew 20: 1-16

Sermon:

Reverend Larry Greene

Response to the Word

****Hymn of Response—366 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me***

Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory—*I've Got Peace Like a River*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

With hope in our hearts, we offer our gifts to you, O God, trusting that you will use them in the work of your kingdom which welcomes all, loves all, needs all, and serves all. Generous God, help us to give with generosity this morning, with gratitude for all we have received from your goodness, and with trust in your faithfulness. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

****Hymn of Sending—280 Amazing Grace***

***Charge and Benediction**

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