

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, Sam Deyton, Heather English, Dr. Andrew Davis, Dennis Dale, Cathy Fullerton, Erin and Jaik Halpainy, Betty Pendley, Ava Holifield, Michelle Bonner, Christian Hall, Everyone dealing with the destruction of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, the families dealing with the tragic shooting in Las Vegas.

Announcements:

The session needs your help. Over the last year or so, we have been having lunch on our 5th Sundays. We have also been having a Thanksgiving lunch in November which is also just around the corner. As the two of these are so close together we are wondering if you would like to do one or the other? We don't think we can do both. We have also considered rather than a Thanksgiving lunch perhaps a breakfast might be an option. Please let us know what you might prefer.

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian

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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: *For the Beauty of the Earth (Duet)*

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

The world tells us we need to be part of something big and bold;

We belong to God.

The world tells us to put our hope in wealth and success;

We put our faith and trust in Jesus.

The world tell us to seek our own gain and satisfaction;

We seek joy in the Spirit of God.

Come, let us worship God, who leads us away from the ways of the world.

Let us follow and live into the Way of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise—293 This Is My Father's World*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Patient God, we are so easily distracted from what you would have us be and what you would have us do. We allow ourselves to be claimed by the angry and hurting world as though we bore a stamp reflecting the hostility. You remind us that, from the beginning, your love has been available to us. Forgive us when we so easily turn toward ignorance and greed as ways of living in the world. Heal our wounded souls. Challenge us to be your people — not owned by false promises of instant wealth and status — but strengthened and empowered to be those who bring hope through our words and actions. In Jesus' name, we pray...

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In our words, smiles, compassionate living we bear the image of our God.

In our willingness to serve the voiceless and alienated, the lost and alone, God's presence abides with us.

Rejoice! You are called "Beloved of God" and given God's own stamp in your lives. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *My Father Watches Over Me*

Second Lesson

Matthew 22: 15-22

Sermon:

**To Whom Do You Belong?
Pastor Jim Taylor**

Response to the Word

****Hymn of Response—469 How Great Thou Art***

Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory— *God of Everlasting Glory*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Gracious and loving God. In this moment we are reminded again that all we are, and all we have or ever will have, belongs to you and you alone. We return these gifts of our hearts and our labors to you and ask that they be used to reflect your image of light and life to those who seek to fill their lives with your presence; giving their very selves to you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

****Hymn of Sending—263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

***Charge and Benediction**

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