### **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 will meet today at 1:30

Next Sunday the time changes so be sure to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

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Announcements and Welcome Passing of the Peace Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all. People: And also with you.

**Prelude:** 

# **Preparation for the Word**

Call to Worship
For those who have not been welcomed before,
You are welcomed by Christ here.
For those who have been turned away,
Christ is opening the door for you.
For those who have been forgotten,
God cannot forget you, for God made you.
Come, join together in worship of our God.
You are God's beloved. We welcome each other in the name of Christ. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise—23 Praise Him! Praise Him! (Living Praise Hymnal)

# **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we confess that we have hidden Your commandment to love among other conditions that we have placed, burdens heavy to bear. We insist our neighbors look the right way, act the right way, speak the right way. We have insisted that our neighbors conform to our expectations in order to be worthy of love. Forgive us, for we have not loved as You have loved us. Turn us back to Your ways of unconditional love and acceptance, as You have loved and accepted us. In the name of Christ, who lay down his life for us, we pray.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

God's love is unconditional. God's love is always free. God's love is always present. Know that you are beloved to God. Know that God's love is steadfast, and is with you always. Go, and love others, for God loves you. Amen.

### **The Word Proclaimed**

**First Lesson** Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

Anthem: He Is Our Peace

Second Lesson

Matthew 22: 15-22

**Deuteronomy 6: 1-9** 

Sermon:

Loving God; Loving Neighbor Pastor Jim Taylor

# **Response to the Word**

\*Hymn of Response—35 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Tithes and Offerings** 

Offertory—(91) Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

### \*Doxology

# \*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of your love for us. Guide us as we share that gift with all those we meet in life that they too may know of your generous love. Bless now these gifts of love and talents to further your kingdom here on earth. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

# \*Hymn of Sending—96 Standing on the Promises

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