

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, Sam Deyton, Heather English, Dr. Andrew Davis, Dennis Dale, Cathy Fullerton, Erin and Jaik Halpainy, Betty Pendley, Ava Holifield, Michelle Bonner, Christian Hall, and the families suffering the loss of loved ones from the terrorist attack in New York this past week, and the family of Deputy Christian (Chris) McClintick.

Announcements:

There will be a Congregational Meeting Sunday November 19th to elect one Elder and affirm the budget for 2018. We will also be having a Thanksgiving lunch so please plan to join us as we celebrate the many things we are thankful for! As some of you may know, Bobby has decided, for many good reasons, to resign his position at the end of December this year. He wants to continue to get healthy as well as care for his family. We would like to make our Thanksgiving luncheon a time to thank him for his love and service to us. So, I hope you will join us for that and please keep it a secret if we can.

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November 5, 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: *It's God – God is So Good*

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

The Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.

**Hymn of Praise—466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have turned away from your ways and followed the ways of the world. We want others to like us, to look up to us, and so we put down others and ignore the cries of those who are suffering. We look to our own interests, our own success and fortune, and not the well-being of the poor and the hungry. We even go as far at times to believe you must be with us and not with others; that you are on our side. Forgive us, O God, for not being on your side, for not looking to the ones Christ ate with and ministered to: the sick and the poor, the widowed and the orphaned, the marginalized and the oppressed. Forgive us, and help us to be humble, for you are the One we ought to look up to, not to ourselves. In the name of Christ, who calls us to seek out the lost and the least, we pray

(A moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God loves all of us. Period. God loves every one of us. Period. There is nothing you can do to change that. God loves you. Know it. Accept it. Live with it. Live it out. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Micah 3: 5-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Find In Me a Thankful Heart*

Second Lesson

Matthew 23: 1-15, 23-26

Sermon: Acting the Part? Pastor, Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: We Are All One in Mission (435)

**Doxology*

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

God of steadfast love, we praise you, for you abundantly provide for every living thing! Thank you for listening when we call to you in times of need. You guide us in your good path where we will find all you give us. You alone do wonders: you bring transformation, creating new life out of death. Enable us by your Spirit to live as people of gratitude who help others to experience your love and grace. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 107)

Communion Hymn—507 I Come with Joy

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

**Closing Hymn—438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**Charge and Benediction*

**Please stand if able.*