

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 Halpains, Betty Pendley, Ava Holifield, Michelle Bonner, Christian Hall, and the families suffering the loss of loved ones from the terrorist attack in New York, the family of Deputy Christian (Chris) McClintick, the community of Sutherland Springs Texas and the members of First Baptist Church.

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! We would like to make our Thanksgiving luncheon a time to thank Bobby for his love and service to us. So, I hope you will join us for that.

Advent begins December 3rd.

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Grassy Creek Presbyterian

November 12, 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: Let All Things Now Living (554)

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship

It is time to wake up,

for God is about to surprise us.

It is time to prepare,

for God's love is about to change the world.

It is time to get ready,

for God needs us to proclaim the good news.

It is time to start planning,

for God's invitation will fill our church.

It is time to worship,

for God is here now!

**Hymn of Praise—554 Let All Things Now Living*

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Mystery, we want to stay awake and be ready for your surprises, but we are tired and overcome with the usual routine. We want to wait patiently for the fulfillment of your kingdom, but we are frustrated by our need for immediate gratification. We want to believe your promises from ancient days, but we are overwhelmed with so many doubts. Come to us again, O God. Awaken us with your unexpected grace. Shock us with your daring mercy. Forgive us in your love. Lift us up from lethargy and set our feet on your path once more.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ we have the promise of new life now.

In Christ we have the opportunity, time and time again, to seek forgiveness, to be reconciled, to show mercy, and to love unconditionally.

Know that you are loved and forgiven, and share the Good News. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson

Amos 5: 18-24

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *God Will Supply*

Second Lesson

Matthew 25: 1-13

Sermon:

**The Waiting Game
Pastor Jim Taylor**

Response to the Word

****Hymn of Response—282 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee***

Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory— *To God Be the Glory*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

We can stand at the edge and watch while you seek to bring hope, healing, peace, and joy to everyone in the world. Or we can take that step, of committing our lives as well as our gifts, in working with you in this ministry of grace. Bless our gifts, bless our lives, bless our service, we pray. In Jesus' name, Amen.

****Hymn of Sending—469 Morning Has Broken***

***Charge and Benediction**

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