

Pastoral Concerns: Bernice Hamrick, Lisa Thomas, Becky Justus, Bobby Justus, Sylvia Mahaney, Pat Medley, Vickie Hughes, Deborah Harkins, Faye Greer, 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, and the family of Helen Haberneck.

Announcements:

Mayland Fellowship will meet January 28th at Burnsville First Presbyterian Church. Dinner at 5:00 with program presented by the folks at Camp Grier our PCUSA Summer Camp.

Session will meet next Sunday the 21st at 2:30



Our Dear Eveline has decided to retire as Director of Music at the end of January. Eveline has served faithfully for 35 years and we are so grateful for her leadership and service to the Church. Please take some time over the next few weeks to thank her as we celebrate her ministry and the many ways she has blessed and enriched our worship and our lives!

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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: *Wonderful Peace*

Preparation for the Word

Call to Worship (Psalm 139)

O Lord, you have searched us.

You have known us.

You know the paths we choose to travel.

You know when we lie down to rest.

You discern what we are thinking from far away.

You are well acquainted with all our ways.

Even before we speak, you know what we will say.

You go in front of us and behind us.

It is almost too much to comprehend, O Lord,

For you know us and accompany us completely.

Let us worship God together!

**Hymn of Praise—482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call to us by name. But for many reasons, we don't always answer. We allow other voices to claim our time and attention. We try to avoid you and what you might be calling us to do. We immerse ourselves in other activities, thinking someday we will respond to you. Forgive us, most holy God. Forgive us and call us. Again, and again, call us. Call us by name. And prompt us to answer, "Here I am." We pray together in the name of Jesus... (*a time of silent confession*) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

No one knows us better than God does. No one understands us more than God does. No one accepts us as God accepts us.

Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

The Word Proclaimed

First Reading

John 1: 43-51

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *He Is Our Peace*

Second Reading

1 Samuel 3: 1-11

Sermon:

I'm Listening

Pastor Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

**Hymn of Response—403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Loving God, you call us, not because you need us, but because others do. You gift us, not because we are so special, but because others need to be blessed by our gifts. We give from the abundance which is ours, not because we are so generous, but because you have graced us with so much. May our gifts go to serve the work of your kingdom, we pray. Amen.

** Hymn of Sending—387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

**Please stand if able.*