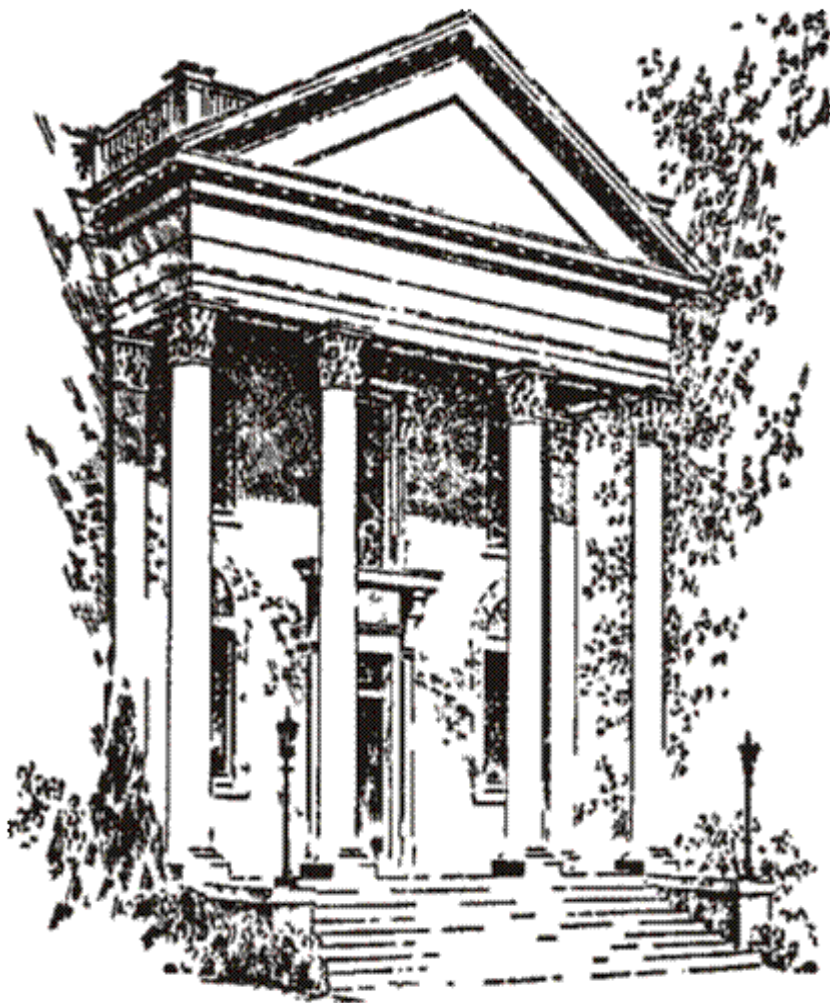




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



April 30, 2017
Third Sunday of Easter

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE *We Walk By Faith (Dunlap's Creek)* David Cherwein

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together as a resurrection people.

People: We come believing in the power of truth to cast out ignorance.

Leader: We come believing in the power of life to cast out death.

People: We come believing in the power of love to cast out fear.

All: We come to bear witness to God's power in our own lives: he power of truth, the power of life, the power of love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, "The Lord has risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

* **HYMN #236**

The Strife Is O'er

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Forgiving God, we confess today that sometimes we hear your words to us as nothing more than background noise, part of all the other back ground noise in our lives. We do not rejoice to welcome your words into our hearts. We do not praise the opportunity to be transformed. We do not allow them to draw us into deep repentance. When we become thoughtless or wrapped in our own words rather than yours, stir up your Spirit in us and awaken us to the life-giving renewal you offer us. Bless us to become attentive and eager disciples. Amen.

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and to all who are near and far. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Amen.

* **KYRIE ELEISON Hymn #551**

Lord, Have Mercy

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we were called as members of a single body.
Please greet or respond to one another;
The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

* **RESPONSE (Sung) - Glory Be to the Father - #581**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

Gordon Young

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

We invite children and youth ages 3 through 8th Grade to come forward for a special message. Afterwards, a nursery is provided for children 5 and under.

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN #231**

Christ has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* **AFFIRMATION** “The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional) (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God The Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING (Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew.)

Offertory *Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross* Charles Callahan

*Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1709

Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

- * **HYMN #267** *Come, Christians! Join to Sing*
- * **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- * **CHORAL RESPONSE** *God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*
- * **POSTLUDE** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (Lyra Davidica 1708)
Robert Hobby

*If you are able, please stand for items marked **
*Portions in **bold type** are for congregational participation.*

*Please silence all electronic devices
and refrain from texting during the service.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS - We are so glad that you are here worshipping with us today. If this is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out the blue visitor card available in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

WELCOME - We are pleased to welcome back Rev. Julie Hitsman. Julie grew up in upstate New York and recently moved to West Virginia to pursue her love of chaplaincy at CAMC Women and Children's Hospital. She has a Masters of Divinity from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, 5 units of CPE from a level one trauma center, and is ordained by PC(USA). In her free time she enjoys playing video games and going for long walks with her husband Justin and two dogs, Levi and Joey.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in memory of my wonderful husband, Owen C. Meadows, MD by Brenda Meadows.

CONGRATULATIONS Andrew and Tara Reed on the birth of their son Wyatt Scott Reed. Born April 22, 2017 weighing 7lbs 15oz and 20 inches long. His grandparents are Roger and Karen Reed.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - There will be a congregational meeting next **Sunday, May 7**, at the close of worship for the election of officers.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER-Christian Education will sponsor a Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser next **Sunday, May 7** (our First Sunday Lunch) to help raise funds for our youth who are going to New Orleans in July on a Mission Trip! Funds raised will be used for the van rental and help with other activities while down south! Please plan to attend and support our youth with their Mission Trip.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: Ruffner Memorial and South Park Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Kagumo Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Drema Davis for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Al Combs Lay Reader, Jennifer Blankenship Time for Young Disciples Leader, Robin Feldhake Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeters Bill and Nancy Cameron.

ELDERS ON CALL
April 30-May 6 Al Combs
May 7-13 Betsy Gilmer and Bill Hartling

SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9:45 a.m. Children and youth classes are held in the Educational Building on the upper floor. *The Present Word Class* meets in Friendship Hall.

FELLOWSHIP and refreshments are available in the Witherspoon Room during the Sunday School hour.

NURSERY CARE is provided in the Educational Building from 9:30 a.m. to noon for newborn to age 5.

RESTROOMS are located on either side of the sanctuary on the landing going downstairs to the Friendship Hall. **Men's Restroom** on the **right landing** and **Ladies** on the **left landing**. **Handicapped Accessible Restrooms** are located in the back of the sanctuary and the parking lot entrance hallway leading to the Friendship Hall.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:55 a.m. - Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, May 1

9:30 a.m.-PW Coordinating Team Mtg.
Witherspoon Room
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, May 2

9:00 a.m. - Shepherd's Center
10 a.m. - Tuesday Morning in
Witherspoon Room
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, May 3

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg
6:30 p.m.-Book Club-
Witherspoon Rm

THURSDAY, May 4

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
6:00 p.m. - Handbells
7:15 p.m. - Choir

FRIDAY, May 5

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

SUNDAY, May 7

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:55 a.m. - Worship
Cong. Meeting-Election of
Officers
Noon-Youth Spaghetti Lunch
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

“The mission of Beckley Presbyterian Church is to glorify God through the nurturing and equipping of our congregation to manifest our faith throughout God’s creation with love, joy, hope, and open hearts.”

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