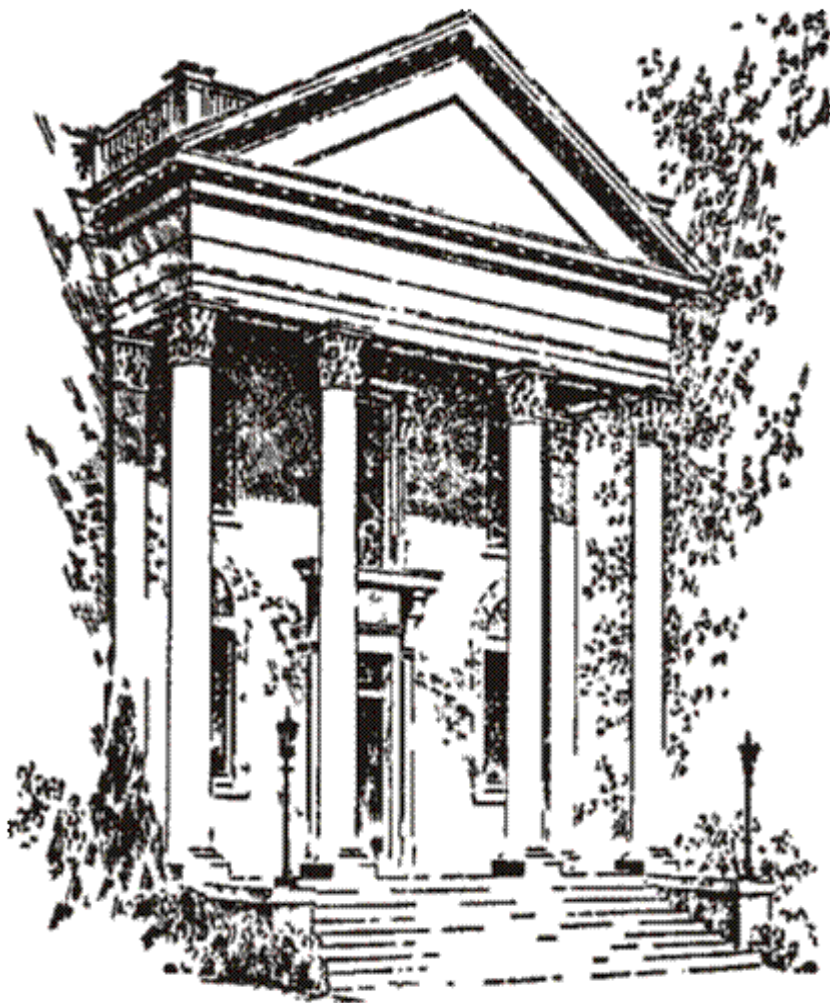




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Fanfare Prelude

Douglas E. Wagner

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 118*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.**

Leader: Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

**People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Loving Father, as we journey with your Son in this week of remembrance and hope, help us to understand you and your love for the world more clearly. Transform us by the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and prepare us for service in your kingdom. We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Just as we carry these branches, may we follow Christ in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN #196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced “Crucify him,” we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to You. O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. *(silent confession)*

Hymn #551

Lord, Have Mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*** 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

Chorale Variations on Ab Holy Jesus

Roger Petrich

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Who Is This?

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* **AFFIRMATION** "The Nicene Creed" (Page 34) (Unison)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

While the offering is collected, please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew. When everyone in your row has signed, please return the pad noting the names of those worshipping with you today.

Offertory

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

Robert A. Hobby

*Doxology (Sung) #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly Host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

* **HYMN #223**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty,... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(Sung) #552 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty,... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

(Sung) #553 **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us..., all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.

(Sung) #554 **Amen.**

Distribution of the Elements

(Please hold the elements while they are being distributed so that we may partake of them together.)

Prayer After Communion

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN #217**

On a Barren Hilltop

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Lukin

POSTLUDE *Where Charity and Love Prevail* Robert A. 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 visitor card available in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

WELCOME -We are pleased to welcome back Rev. James Robinson to our pulpit today. Jim grew up on a farm in north central Missouri, the seventh of nine children. They were active in the Methodist church; Jim has particular memories of Sunday school, VBS, and the Youth Group. When he met Karen during his college years, it was easy for him to take on her life-long Presbyterian faith tradition, and they have been active in various churches all their lives. Jim has served as a deacon, an elder, and went to Seminary while serving on the Committee on Ministry in Middle Tennessee Presbytery. They have two daughters and three granddaughters.

Jim retired from the only pastorate he has served – nearly 14 years at the Elk Hills church near Charleston, WV.

THE PALMS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Cam Lewis by Marie Lewis. The Rose is to honor Nancy Hageman on her birthday with love from daughters Leigh and Sage, Mary and Robin and Ross and Miles.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - On **Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m.** there will be a Worship Service with Holy Communion. If you would like to join us for **dinner at 6 p.m.**, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary. A nursery will be provided.

NEXT SUNDAY is Easter Sunday and we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion; the *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* will be received.

EASTER EGG HUNT will be next Sunday following Time for Young Disciples.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charleston in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Gathaith Church, Gura Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Peggy Debnam for ‘Cookies in the Witherspoon Room’ to Dan Calvert Lay Reader, Time for Young Disciples Leader Darlene McNeel, to Nancy Cameron & Peggy White for preparing Communion today, and to this week’s greeter Diann Wolfe.

ELDERS ON CALL

April 2 - 8 –Nancy Cameron & Nancy Kissinger

April 9-15– Ann Worley & Dan Calvert

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 9

Passion/Palm Sunday

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship with
Holy Communion

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 a.m. Shepherd's Center

10 a.m. - Noon - Knitting Group -
Witherspoon Room

6:30 p.m. - Ministry of Worship -
Witherspoon Room

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

11:00 a.m. - The Carpenter's Cor-
ner

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m.-Handbells?

7:15 p.m.-Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Maundy Thursday

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:00 p.m. -Maundy Thursday
Worship Service With Holy
Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Good Friday

Office Closed

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School &
Easter Egg Hunt

10:55 a.m. - Worship with
Holy Communion

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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