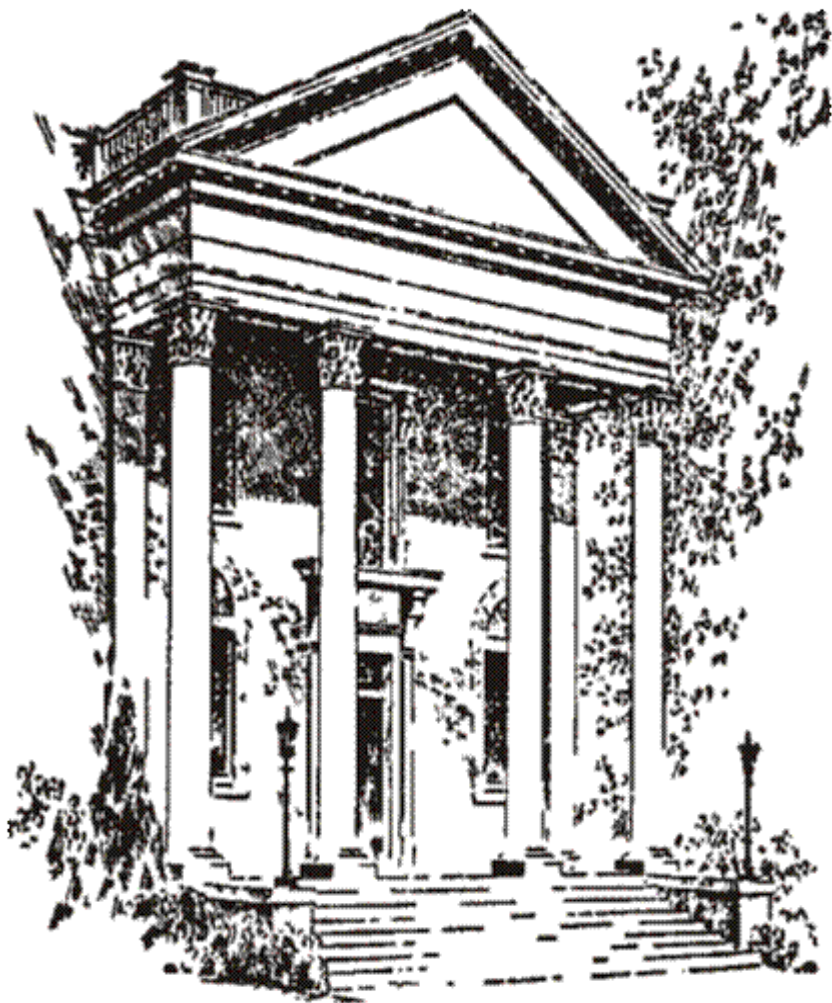




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



**August 13, 2017**  
**10th Sunday After Pentecost**

## GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

### ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

#### PRELUDE

*Foundation*

David Cherwein

#### CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive; Psalm 105: 1-6 reflection by JDB)* Al Combs

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Many: We sing to God and praise God's name. We tell of God's wonderful works.**

One: O people, glory in God's holy name; let your hearts rejoice.

**Many: We seek the Lord's presence and the strength of being a holy people.**

One: We remember the wonderful works of our Lord, with miracles, and the judgments uttered,

**Many: We are the Children of God's creation, God's people, God's chosen ones!**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Together; Let us pray...)*

O God, we gather to give thanks for your providence and care. When our ancestors were in a strange land, you led them from peril and delivered them from persecution. When we face the mountains, the valleys or the pits of our lives, you are our Deliverer and Savior. We praise you for your steadfast love that accompanies us throughout our lives. Meet us now as we gather in your name. Amen.

#### \* HYMN 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

#### \* CALL TO CONFESSIOIN

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together; Let us pray...)*

Merciful God, we long for and need the presence of Christ in our lives.

We long for a holy visitation but confess that we are too distracted to notice when it arrives.

We long for peace but confess that we will not be still long enough to greet it.

We long for the joy of family, friends, community.

We confess that we often live too frantic a life, failing to stop and look and listen.

Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our misplaced priorities that crowd you out of our worship and daily lives.

Renew in us a desire for you and the peace you offer above all else. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

\* HYMN 551 *Lord Have Mercy* Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy; Christ Have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: What good news it is that God hears our prayers and responds with compassion, mercy and peace!  
Enter anew Christ's precious joy for us and know that we are the forgiven children of God.

Many: Hallelujah! Amen.

\* 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.*

\* HYMN 581 *Glory Be to the Father* Response

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

DUET *Sweetest Name I Know* David Foley  
Jennifer Blankenship and Betsy Gilmer

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Helen Walker

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.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Together)*

Gracious Savior, you have the words of eternal life. As the Scripture is read and preached in this hour, empower us to hear it with humility and openness, so that hearing it, we may respond with courage and conviction. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT      Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28      Page 34  
*(Joseph Is Sold by His Brothers)*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\* HYMN 795      *Healer of Our Every Ill*  
Congregation - Refrain / Cantors - Verses

THE GOSPEL      Matthew 14:22-33      Page 16  
*(Jesus Walks on the Water)*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      “Good News, Bad News”

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* STATEMENT OF FAITH *(Together; Romans 8:31b-39, NRSV)*

If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through

him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## PRAYERS FOR THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...In joy or in sadness, **Response:** we do not walk alone.

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERING** (Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew.)  
(It is more blessed to give than to receive...)

Offertory

*Rhosymedre*

R. Vaughan Williams

- \* **HYMN#606** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* Doxology  
**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 THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION** (*Together*)  
We rejoice that we are able to love, O God, because you first loved us. May these gifts be used by your church as agents of your love, compassion and justice, that we might provide for our neighbors' needs with more than bread alone. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

- \* **HYMN 817** *We Walk By Faith, and Not By Sight*
- \* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*Dunlap's Creek*

David Cherwein

*Pastor Burton will be standing by the baptismal font for blessing and anointing of all Educational people and Students.*

## 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.

**THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pauline and Ned Ragland, Sr. by Liz Holsinger, Paul and Mary Ragland and Buzz and Judy Ragland.

**LARGE PRINT HYMN** copies for today's service are available in the back of the church.

**DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE** on August 15th ten West Virginia Tech students will be cleaning, painting, and organizing our nursery. Drop by and see the new look after church next Sunday.

**BROWN BAG GROUP** will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 12:00 to 2:00. Please bring your bag lunch and join Pastor Jim an hour of study and for some good old fashioned fellowship. Packets are available at the back of the church.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out to these churches today: Harman Presbyterian Church, Kesler Memorial Presbyterian Church, Hico and McKinnon Presbyterian Church, Charleston in the Presbytery of West Virginia; King'ong'o Church in the Rware Parish.

**OUR THANKS** to Marcia Fairlie for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Al Combs Lay Reader, Helen Walker Time for Young Disciples Leader, Nancy Kissinger Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeter Brenda Meadows.

## ELDERS ON CALL

**Aug 13-19**—Ann Worley and Nancy Kissinger

**Aug 20-26**—Mac Tieche and Betsy Gilmer

**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, August 13**

*Blessing of Students and Teachers*

10:55 a.m. - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

### **THURSDAY, August 17**

5:00 p.m.-Property Meeting

Witherspoon Room

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **MONDAY, August 14**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **FRIDAY, August 18**

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

### **TUESDAY, August 15**

*Day of Community Service*

4:30 p.m.-Ministry of Admin. Mtg-  
Witherspoon Room

5:30 p.m.-Ministry of Church Growth/  
Service Mtg-Witherspoon Room

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

### **SATURDAY, August 19**

*PWV Mtg. Davis Memorial-Elkins*

1:00 p.m.-Turschmann Shower-  
Fellowship Hall

### **WEDNESDAY, August 16**

12:00 p.m.-Brown Bag Lunch Group-  
Fellowship Hall

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

3:15 p.m.-Staff Meeting

### **SUNDAY, August 20**

*Cents-Ability and Food for Helping Hands*

10:55 a.m. - Worship

12:00 p.m.-Ministry of Christian Ed.-  
Witherspoon Room

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

