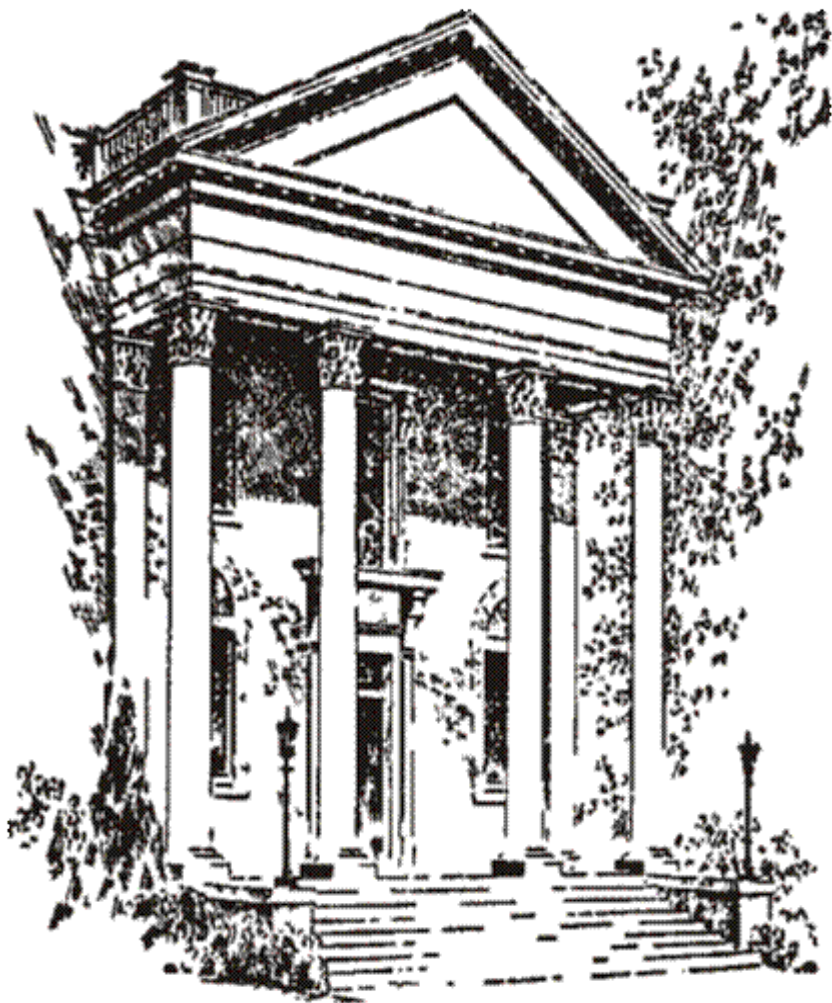




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



August 20, 2017
11th Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather At the River

Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Kim Otte

One: Come, brothers and sisters. Everyone is welcome here.

**Many: God's people are many -- of every land and race,
of every age and every condition.**

One: We gather to celebrate God's mercy and revelation
to us in Jesus Christ.

Many: Through God, we are one big family.

One: Let us praise and worship our God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Together; Fresh Winds of the Spirit)*

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 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Forgive us, O God, for thinking we have you all figured out. We pretend we know who is in and who is out of your family, as if your care were not for all of us. We want people to be like us before we help them, and we welcome into our company only those who will benefit us. Forgive us. Reconcile us to those we have treated as worthless or unwanted; mold us into a community where all your children are accepted, included and loved. Amen. *(silence is kept)*

* **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** (*Responsive*)
One: In this, we have assurance of God's forgiveness: While we were sinners, we were reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.
Many: **Because we have received God's mercy, we are able to grant mercy to those who have wronged us.
Thanks be to God.**

* **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

SOLO *Shall We Gather* Aaron Copeland
Kim Smith

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 (*Together*)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Together*)

Creator God — who called light into darkness — illuminate our minds to receive your Word. Open our ears to hear and eyes to see the Truth of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PSALM 133 (*Together; A Song of Ascents.*)

- ¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life for evermore.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** HYMN 435**

There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“How Could You Do That?”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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

If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He 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? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who 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.* ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any thing else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.)

Offertory *Brother James' Air* Dale Wood

- * **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*)
 Your risen life is in us, Gracious God, and we delight in rejoicing in what you have done in our lives and in the world. Receive these gifts and offerings, given with joyful and grateful hearts, and use them, we pray, to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

- * **HYMN 343** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

- * **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Dale Wood

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 celebration of all the milestones of our lives by Jane and John Beaver.

TODAY, we will receive our monthly Cents-Ability Offering and Food for Helping Hands.

PASTOR JIM BURTON will be out of the office from August 21st until noon on August 23rd. If you are in need of immediate assistance during that time, please call the church office or he can always be reached on his cell phone.

WELCOME BACK! MUSIC MINISTRY DINNER WE'RE HAVING A DINNER PARTY! WE'RE INVITING RETURNING & NEW MUSICIANS AND MEMBERS OF THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE TO JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF A NEW SEASON OF MUSIC AND SONG! We've missed you this summer! We want to welcome some *new* faces, too! Pastor Jim and Tim Waugh invite you to come to The Fellowship Hall for dinner at 6:30 pm on **Thursday, August 31, 2017!** Lasagna (meat & veggie) along with salad greens and tea will be provided. You can help by creatively bringing things to finish out a salad: tomatoes - onions - salad dressings - cheese - you know the good stuff! (anything from the garden works too) **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS Tuesday 29 AUGUST** - DON'T MISS IT! Several ways to make your reservation!

FILL OUT THE ELECTRONIC <click or type into your browser

FORM (Preferred)<https://goo.gl/forms/UIN2iQrmgscgeDju1>

TEXT TIM the information at 304-320-2715

E-MAIL[<bpc.wv.music@gmail.com>](mailto:bpc.wv.music@gmail.com)

CALL THE CHURCH 304-252-6289

OFFICE CLOSED at noon on Monday August 21st.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown, First Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg, and Red Sulphur Springs Presbyterian Church, Ballard in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Muringato Church in the Rwaë Parish.

OUR THANKS to Drema Davis for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Kim Otte Lay Reader, Ann Worley Time for Young Disciples Leader, Darlene McNeel Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeter Brenda Meadows.

ELDERS ON CALL

August 20-26-Mac Tieche and Betsy Gilmer
August 27-Sept. 02-Ross Hageman and Al Combs

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 20

Cents-Ability Offering 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

MONDAY, August 21

Office Closing at Noon

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, August 22

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

WEDNESDAY, August 23

11:00 a.m.-The Carpenter's Corner

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

THURSDAY, August 24

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

FRIDAY, August 25

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

SUNDAY, August 27

10:55 a.m. - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

