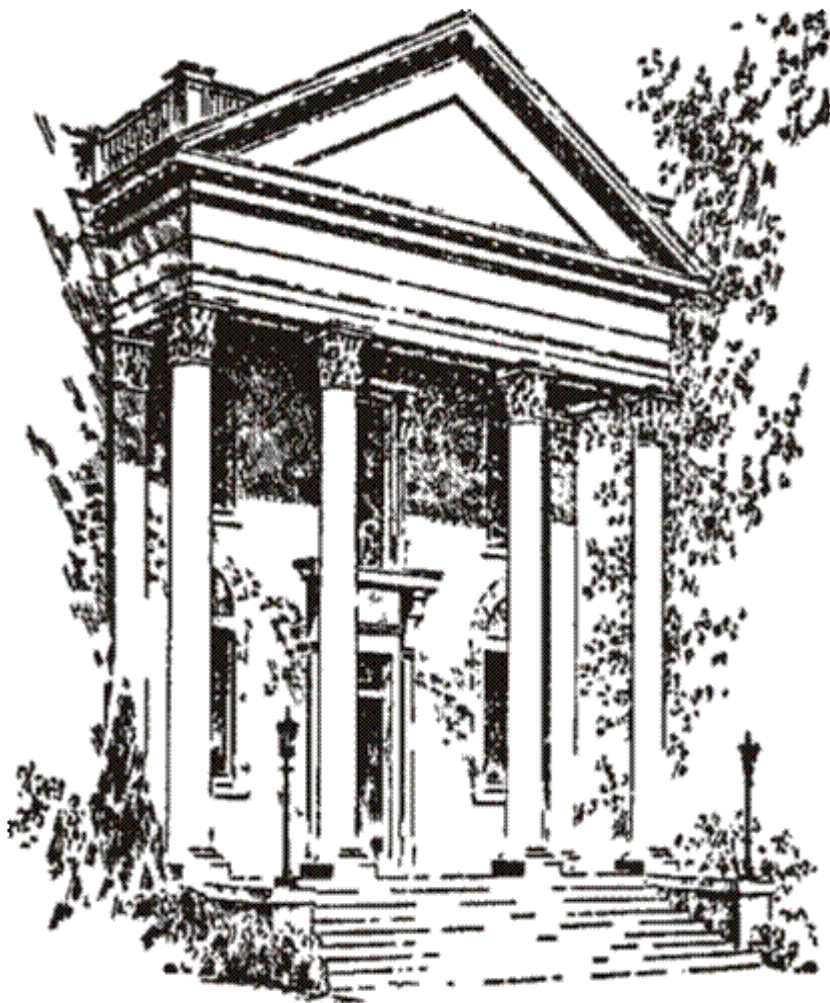




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



August 27, 2017
12th Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE

A Tune for Ann

R. Vaughan Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive; Romans 12:1, 5)* Matt Digiulian

One: You, who are many, are transformed to become
one in Christ

Many: **We, who are many, are called to worship God,
the Three in One. Let us worship God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Together; Romans 12:2)*

Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in
creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your
will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name
we pray. Amen.

* HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together; Romans 12:2)*

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world.

We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice
all the blessings you provide.

We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what
you entrust to our care.

We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the
giftedness of people different from us.

We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring
the latest instead of the lasting.

Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in
Jesus' name. 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; Psalm 124:1, 8)*

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

Many: we would now be lost in sin.

One: But it is the Lord who is on our side.

**Many: And so we are forgiven. Our help is in the name of
the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

* **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

ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Howard Helvey
BPC Men's Ensemble

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Jennifer Blankenship

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 — illumine our
minds to receive your Word. Open our ears to hear and eyes to
see the Truth of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Psalm 124 (*Responsive Reading: A Song of Ascents. Of David.*)

¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; ⁴ then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵ then over us would have gone the raging waters. ⁶ Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. ⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN 727**

Will You Let Me Be Your

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“You Are Not Supposed to!”

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.

At this time you may also fill out the encouragement cards located in the back of the pews and place them in the collection plate.)

Offertory *The King of Love my Shepherd Is* Mack Wilburg
BPC Men's Ensemble & Christina Crouch - Flute

- * **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 DEDICATION** (*Together; Exodus 2:10*)
Almighty God, you took a baby from the Nile and used him to lead your people to the promised land. Take our offerings and use them for your people in this land and throughout your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

- * **HYMN 353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

- * **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *The New Commonwealth* R.Vaughan Williams

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 Claude Gallaher and her parents Gertrude E. and George Gunter by Nelda Gallaher.

MEN'S ENSEMBLE Today we will have one of the favorite groups of the church! The Men's Ensemble will be singing during the service. They've been working on a great arrangement of "This Little Light" and a favorite arrangement of the folk-tune "The King of Love my Shepherd Is" We're *excited* to be joined by Christina Crouch - Flute!

MUSIC MINISTRY DINNER don't forget to sign up for the dinner on Thursday, August 31st. You can go on line to <https://goo.gl/forms/UIN2iOrmgscgeDJul>, text Tim at 304-320-2715, email bpc.wv.music@gmail.com, or call the office 304-252-6289.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED With the start of the new Sunday School year, the Ministry on Christian Education is looking for folks who would be willing to help in the Nursery with Roberta and other folks who might be interested in doing Time With Young Disciples on Sunday morning. We really need some help, so this call is going out. The Nursery and TWYD is scheduled until the end of August. A new fall schedule will be made in a couple of weeks. Please call or email me if you are interested in helping out with our youngest disciples! Thank you! Ann Worley, Moderator, Christian Education. (304) 256-0325 or councilwoman2@yahoo.com

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: Spring Creek Presbyterian Church, Renick, Union Presbyterian Church and Comfort Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Nyamachaki Memorial Church in the Rware Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Bill Cameron for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Matt Digiulian Lay Reader, Jennifer Blankenship Time for Young Disciples Leader, Nancy Hageman Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeters Bill and Joy Bailey.

ELDERS ON CALL

Aug 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 27

10:55 a.m. - Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, August 28

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
6:00 p.m.-Session

TUESDAY, August 29

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

WEDNESDAY, August 30

Pipe Line
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

THURSDAY, August 31

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
6:30 Music Ministry Dinner

FRIDAY, September 1

9:30 a.m.-PW Coordinating Mtg-
Witherspoon Room
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

SUNDAY, September 3

10:55 a.m. - Worship
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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