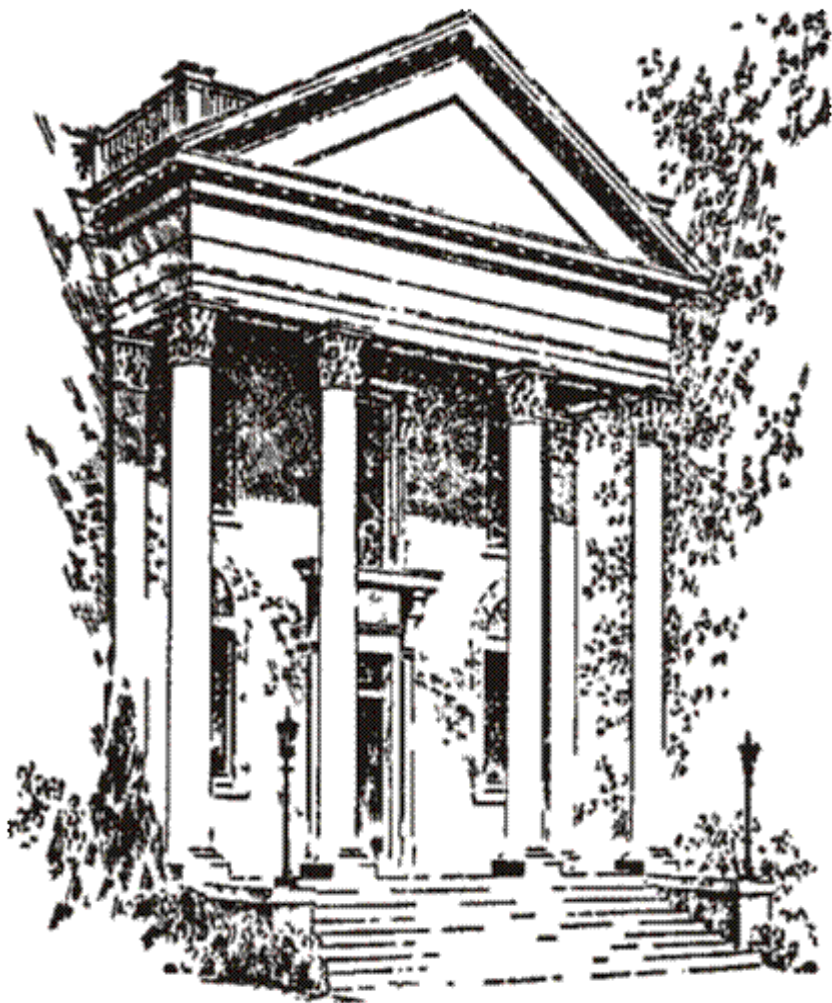




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



**August 6, 2017**  
**9th Sunday After Pentecost**

## GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

### ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

#### PRELUDE

*Gather Us In*

John Behnke

#### CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive reflection on Psalm 121 JDB)* Bill Hartling

One: The people of God are a people of many sounds,

**Many: Many songs and rhythms and dance.**

One: The people of God are a people of much praise,

**Many: And hope and joy and color and much enthusiasm.**

One: Come now, people of God, and give thanks and praise  
for we are here to worship the living and loving God.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Together; adapted JDB)*

O God who was and is, and is to come, we approach your presence to behold your awesome power and glory. Open our eyes to the glory of this day, that we might witness to the love and spirit of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us, we pray, to live with your justice and mercy in our daily lives. Open our hearts, so that we may rejoice in your covenant with us of reconciling love. Guide us with your Spirit so that we may live as new people in and through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.  
Amen.

#### \* HYMN 336

*We Gather Together*

#### \* LITANY OF THANKSGIVING *(Responsive)*

One: Give thanks, O Christian people, for all who love the Lord,

**Many: Who live each day believing in God's eternal word,**

One: To share Christ's love in living, to witness with each deed,

**Many: To use the talents given, to plant the gospel seed.**

One: Give thanks, O Christian people, for life in fellowship,

**Many: With all who trust our Savior, their serving to equip,**

One: To ease another's burdens, to cope in joy and stress,

**Many: To magnify God's message and Christ's great love  
confess.**

One: Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day,

**Many: Who heed the call to service and make it their  
life's way,**

One: To go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,  
Many: **To work for equal justice, 'till all God's folk are freed.**  
**Amen.**

\* **HYMN 616** (*Sung twice*)

*Our God Is an Awesome 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

**ANTHEM**

*One Bread, One Body*

John B. Foley, SJ

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Darlene McNeel

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*)

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing and in our living. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Genesis 32:22-31  
*(Jacob Wrestles at Peniel)*

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 14:13-21  
*(Feeding the Five Thousand)*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“What Feeds You?”

**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 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

*On Eagle's Wings*

Charles Callahan

- \* **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: Matthew 14:19)*

We thank you, our Father, that you have empowered us to participate in the miraculous multiplying ministry of your Son. Receive now these gifts you have provided us out of your abundance that your miracle ministry may multiply to satisfy the hungry of this world today through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

- \* **HYMN 351** *All Who Love and Serve Your City*
- \* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**
- \* **CHORAL RESPONSE** *God Be With You 'til We Meet Again*

**POSTLUDE**

*This Is the Feast*

Richard Hillert &  
Charles Callahan



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

## 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 Robert Estep, her brothers James Brooks and Vandell Brooks, her sister Irene Renault, and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Brooks by Nancy Estep.

**OPERATION BACKPACK** is a community-wide effort to supply new backpacks and school supplies to needy children. Last year, Operation Backpack provided backpacks and school supplies to 1,050 children in Raleigh, Summers, Fayette and Wyoming counties. The following supplies are needed: backpacks, crayons, markers, glue (bottle and stick), pencils, notebook paper, 2 pocket folders, spiral notebooks, rulers, pencil pouches, erasers, eraser tops, pencil sharpeners, zippered notebooks (trapper keepers), calculators, 1" 3-ring binders, highlighters, pencil boxes and colored pencils. Backpacks can be clear or mesh, regular or messenger bags. Backpacks for preschoolers and elementary students need to be large enough to hold a two pocket folder. Backpacks for middle and high school students need to be large enough to hold a three ring binder. Monetary donations will be accepted. Please bring donations to the church by **August 7**. Contact Cindy Parker at 304-222-1690 to find out more about Operation Backpack or to volunteer to fill backpacks at the Mabscott United Methodist Church.

### **Ministry of Church Growth And Service**

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

**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. We hope to see your smiling face. **Packets are available at the back of the church.**

**OUR PRAYERS** go out to these churches today: Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Hurricane and Fayetteville Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Gitumbi Church in the Rware Parish.

**OUR THANKS** to for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Bill Hartling Lay Reader, Darlene McNeel Time for Young Disciples Leader, Robin Feldhake Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeter Melinda Bland.

**ELDERS ON CALL**  
**Aug 6-12 Dan and Mary 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, August 6**

9:45 a.m.-Elder Training  
10:55 a.m. - Worship  
12:00 p.m.- Fellowship Lunch-  
Fellowship Hall  
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

**MONDAY, August 7**

*OPERATION BACKPACK DUE*  
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

**TUESDAY, August 8**

6:30 p.m.-Ministry of Worship Mtg-  
Witherspoon Room  
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

**WEDNESDAY, August 9**

11:00 a.m.-The Carpenter's Corner  
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

**THURSDAY, August 10**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

**FRIDAY, August 11**

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

**SUNDAY, August 13**

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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## SESSION

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Peggy White

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Ross Hageman  
Nancy Kissinger  
Charles McNeel  
Ann Worley

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Bill Hartling  
Karen Reed  
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