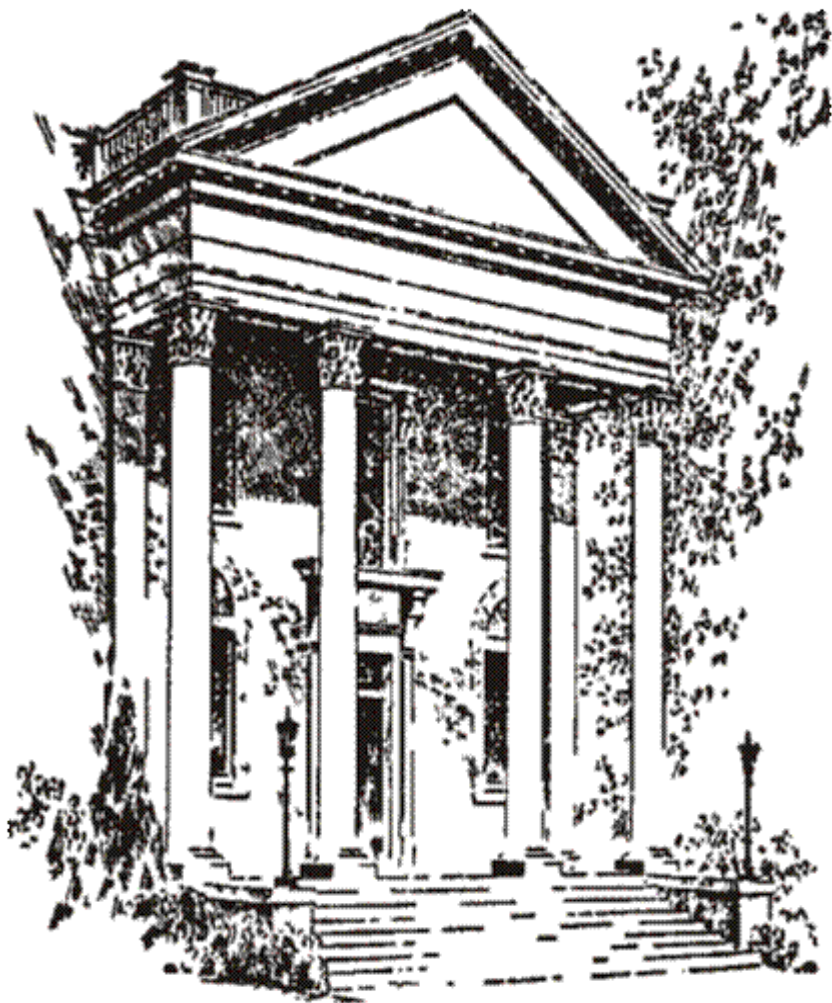




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



July 16, 2017  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
6th Sunday After Pentecost

# GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

## ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

### PRELUDE

*The Church's One Foundation*

Wesley/Scott

### CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 119:105, 111*)

Leader: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

People: Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Together; Psalm 119:105*)

Author of Life, Living Word, Holy Breath, we have stumbled through the week and groped our way back to this place. Illumine the steps before us and write your word on our hearts, for we carry the name of Jesus and would walk in the light of his love. Amen.

### \* HYMN #32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION (*Genesis 25:19-34*)

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*)

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting. 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.

### \* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (*Romans 8:1*)

\* **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** *Whispering Hope*  
**Ellen & Al Combs-Judy & Charlie Chandler**

**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) (page 35)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

\* **HYMN #451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**THE GOSPEL** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Page 13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Maturing Spiritually*

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* **AFFIRMATION** “The Apostles’ Creed” (*Traditional Together*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God The Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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**    *Variations on ""Lasst uns erfreuen*                      arr. Peterson

\* **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 13:1–9, 18–23*)

Giver of life, we do not want the cares of the world and the lure of wealth to choke your word among us. As the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully, so we long to participate in your seeding of the world. Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives. Send your cultivating Spirit to work among us until we yield and grow in grace, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who came out of love for the world. Amen.

# GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

\* **HYMN #417**

*Lord Jesus, Think of Me*

\* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty*

arr. Penfield

*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 blue visitor card available in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

**WELCOME** - We are pleased to welcome Judy and Charlie Chandler as our guest musicians today. They join Ellen and Al Combs for our musical offerings. Please make them feel welcomed!

**THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and In loving memory of "Papa", William Rucker, Sr., by Bill, Martha, BJ and Brian Rucker.

**WELCOME RECEPTION** Please join us next Sunday, July 23 immediately following worship for a reception welcoming Interim Pastor Jim Burton and his family to the Beckley Presbyterian Church and the Beckley area. Jim is from the South and we hope to show him some old fashioned West Virginia hospitality! See y'all there!

**CALLED SESSION MEETING** on July 19th. If you are on session, please plan to attend. Pastor Jim is preparing chicken pot pie and salad for dinner before the meeting.

**Today**, July 16th, we will receive our monthly Cents-Ability Offering and Food for Helping Hands.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out to these churches today: Beckley Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Kiandu Church in the Riamukurwe Parish.

**OUR THANKS** to Marie Lewis for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Ellen Combs Lay Reader, Nancy Hageman-Time for Young Disciples Leader and Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeters Scott and Robin VanMeter.

## ELDERS ON CALL

**July 16-22** Ross Hageman and Bill Hartling

**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, July 16**

Cents-Ability Offering and  
Food for Helping Hands  
10:55 a.m. - Worship  
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

### **WEDNESDAY, July 19**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

### **THURSDAY, July 20**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **MONDAY, July 17**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.  
5:30 p.m.-Ministry of Church Growth-  
Witherspoon Room

### **FRIDAY, July 21**

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

### **TUESDAY, July 18**

9:00 a.m. - Shepherd's Center  
4:30 p.m.-Ministry of Admin-  
Witherspoon Room  
6:30 p.m.-Ministry of Worship-  
Friendship Hall  
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **SUNDAY, July 23**

10:55 a.m. - Worship  
12:00 p.m.-Ministry of Christian Ed  
Witherspoon Room  
12:00 p.m.-Reception For Jim and  
Marianne- Friendship Hall  
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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