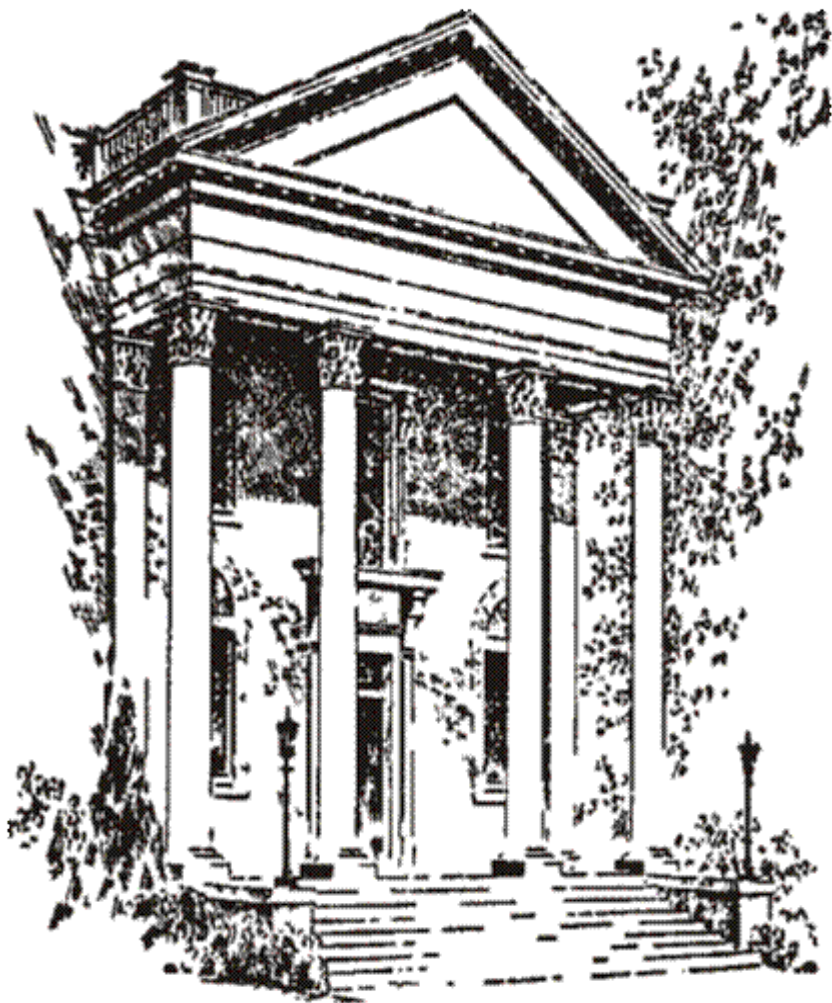




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



July 23, 2017
7th Sunday after Pentecost

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Children Of the Heavenly Father* Robert Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have you heard of our great God? God created all that is and reigns over it all.

People: Yes, God rules with justice and mercy.

Leader: Have you heard of our great God? Our God is full of glory and the ways of are perfect.

People: Ah, no one can match our God's wisdom and understanding.

Leader: Have you heard of our great God? Each name and every person is special because God's love for us is unequalled.

People: We believe and we belong to God.

Leader: Come, now, and worship our great God, for God is worthy of all honor and glory and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit, guide our worship. Guide our words, our songs, our postures, our thoughts and our prayers. Let everything that is of God fill this place and anything that is of us diminish. Remove our pride, our agendas and our misguided intentions so that only you and your purposes remain. We so desperately want to experience the Father and to hear his voice. Thank you for leading us today. Amen.

* **HYMN #714** *God of the Fertile Fields*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together*)

We are so quick to doubt you, God -- you, who created our inmost being, who knit us together piece by piece. Why would we think that our ways are greater than yours? Why do we try so hard to control everything and everyone around us? Our lives would be so liberated if we relinquished control and

rested in you -- our all-knowing, all-seeing God. Forgive us for trying to take the reins. We surrender ourselves to you and you alone. Form our hearts to seek after you instead of fighting against you. Help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

(silent confession)

- * **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**

In this, we have assurance of God's forgiveness: While we were sinners, we were reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

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

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Together)*

Worry, fear, pain and loss cloud our vision and veil our sight, O Lord, causing us to miss the truth of your Word. By the power of your Spirit, lift our burdens and pierce us with your good news that we might experience the hope and freedom of your life in us. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 Page 577

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 Page 14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN #28** *You Are Before Me, Lord (Psalm 139)*

SERMON “No One Will Ever Care Like God Except...”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

**A COVENANT BETWEEN REVEREND JIM BURTON AND
THE BECKLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** *(SEE INSERT)*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING (Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew.)

Offertory *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant Depart in Peace* Robert Hobby

* **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)*

We bring to you, O God, all of our resources. We offer to you
our lives
and our dollars
and our love
and our loyalty
and our skills and talents
and our devotion
and our time.

May all our gifts be of service in the ministry and mission of
Jesus Christ through the church. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN #318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **POSTLUDE** *Partita on "Now Thank We All Our God" Robert Hobby*

*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 RECEPTION Please join us today 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!

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in memory of Susan Stevenson Landis from Drew, Sharon and Madilyn Landis.

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

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans and Spencer Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Gitathiini Church in the Rware Parish.

OUR THANKS to Valarie Hartling for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Nell Calvert Lay Reader , Paul Wykle Time for Young Disciples Leader , Robin Feldhake Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeters Jack and Sandy Schroder.

ELDERS ON CALL

July 23-29 Charles McNeel and Dan Calvert
July 30-August 05 Betsy Gilmer and Peggy White

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 23

10:55 a.m. - Worship
12:00 p.m.-Ministry of Christian Ed
Witherspoon Room
12:00 p.m.-Reception for Pastor Jim
and family -Friendship Hall
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, July 24

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m.-Davis-Stuart Meeting
6:00 p.m.-Session

TUESDAY, July 25

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

WEDNESDAY, July 26

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

THURSDAY, July 27

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

FRIDAY, July 28

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

SATURDAY, July 29

10:00 a.m.-Quilting Group

SUNDAY, July 30

9:45 a.m.-Elders Training
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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