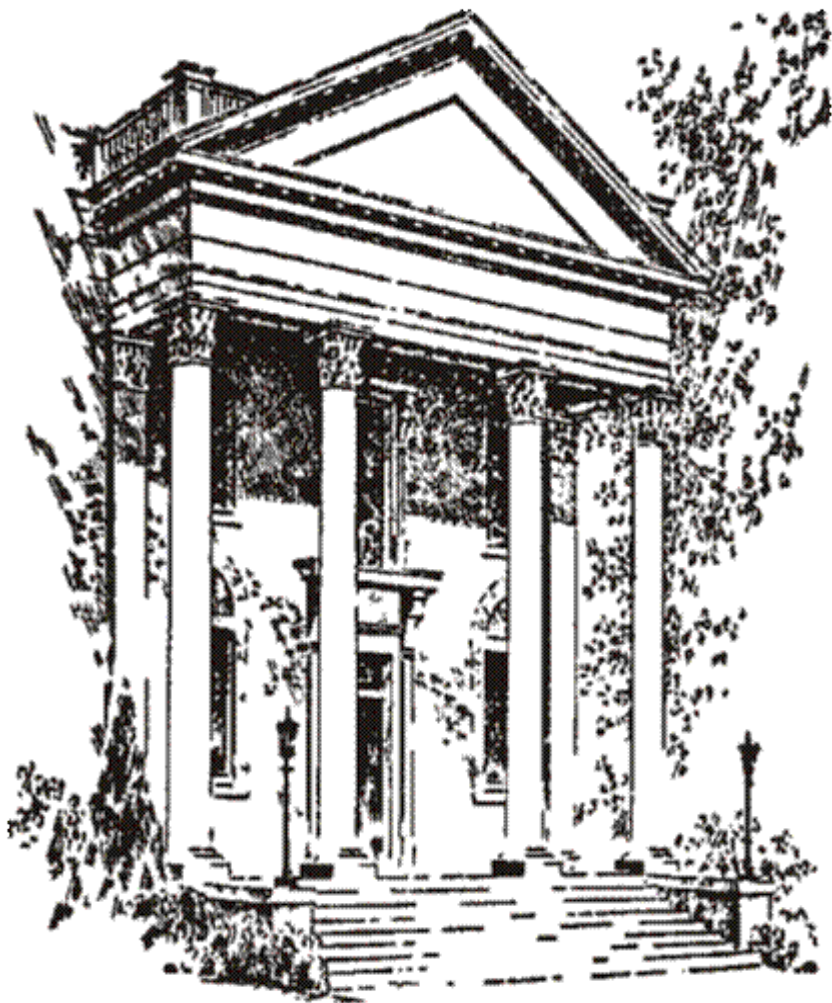




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



July 30, 2017
8th Sunday after Pentecost

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Sometime I Feel Like A Motherless Child*
Lady D, Soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive reflection on Psalm 121 JDB*)

One: From where will help come in times of trouble?

**Many: Our help comes from God, who created the
heaven and the earth and us.**

One: God watches as we worship God!

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF PRAISE

One: O Lord, you are beyond our understanding!

Many: How much juice you can squeeze from a single grape!

How much water you can draw from a single well!

How great a fire you can kindle from a tiny spark!

How great a tree you can grow from a tiny seed!

One: My soul is so dry that by itself it cannot pray;

**Many: Yet you can squeeze from it the juice of a
thousand prayers.**

One: My soul is so parched that by itself it cannot love;

**Many: Yet you can draw from it boundless love for you
and for my neighbor.**

One: My soul is so cold that by itself it has no joy;

Many: Yet you can light the fire of heavenly joy within me.

One: My soul is so feeble that by itself it has no faith;

Many: Yet by your power my faith grows to a great height.

**Thank you for prayer, for love, for joy, for faith;
Let us always be prayerful, loving, joyful, faithful.
Amen.**

* HYMN #350

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

* CALL TO CONFESSION

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

O God, we have pursued futile plans, without seeking your guidance. We have resisted the way you would have us go. We demand proof before we will believe, yet close our eyes to your wonders on every hand. We do not seek the heaven of your word and Spirit to expand our lives and make them attractive and useful. O Holy One, we need a new vision and the self-discipline to embrace your realm here and now. Help us! Amen.
(silently at first that we might center ourselves before God)

* **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**

We have assurance of God's forgiveness in that while we were sinners, we are now reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.
Because we have received God's mercy, we are now able to grant mercy to those who have wronged us. God is with 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

ANTHEM #649 *Amazing Grace* William Coates
Lady D and The Choir
Congregation join on Verse 2 and 3

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

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

1 Kings 3:5-12

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN #834** (*Insert*)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "He Had a Dream, I Have a Prayer, You Have a Future!"

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.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

Offertory

Ob Freedom

Lady D, Soloist

* **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)*
Holy God, we give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN** *(Insert)* *I'll Fly Away*

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

* **POSTLUDE #384** *Soon & Very Soon* Andréa Crouch
(Feel free to join Lady D in singing!)

*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.

WE WELCOME Lady D who is joining us today for our Gospel Hymn Sunday! You may continue to enjoy her music today at Tamarack at 3pm when she presents “Bessie’s Blues” Find her complete bio on Facebook @BPC.PCUSA.WV

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and In honor of our grandchildren, Joey and Sophie Ceo and Jill and Peter Calvert by Mary and Dan Calvert.

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

ELDER TRAINING today, as well as, next Sunday at 9:45 in the Chapel. If you are a current or new Elder please make plans to attend.

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.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: Tygarts Valley Presbyterian Church, Huttonsville and First United Presbyterian Church, Ravenswood in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Gitero church in the Rware Parish.

OUR THANKS to Nancy Hageman for ‘Cookies in the Witherspoon Room’ to Bill Hartling Lay Reader, Ann Worley Time for Young Disciples Leader , Robin VanMeter Nursery Assistant, and to this week’s greeters Nancy Keatley.

ELDERS ON CALL

July 30-August 5 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 30

9:45 a.m.-Elder Training
10:55 a.m. - Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, July 31

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, August 1

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

WEDNESDAY, August 2

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg
12:00-Pastor Jim's Brown Bag Group

THURSDAY, August 3

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

FRIDAY, August 4

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

SUNDAY, August 6

9:45 a.m.-Elder Training
10:55 a.m. - Worship
12:00 p.m.-Fellowship Luncheon
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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