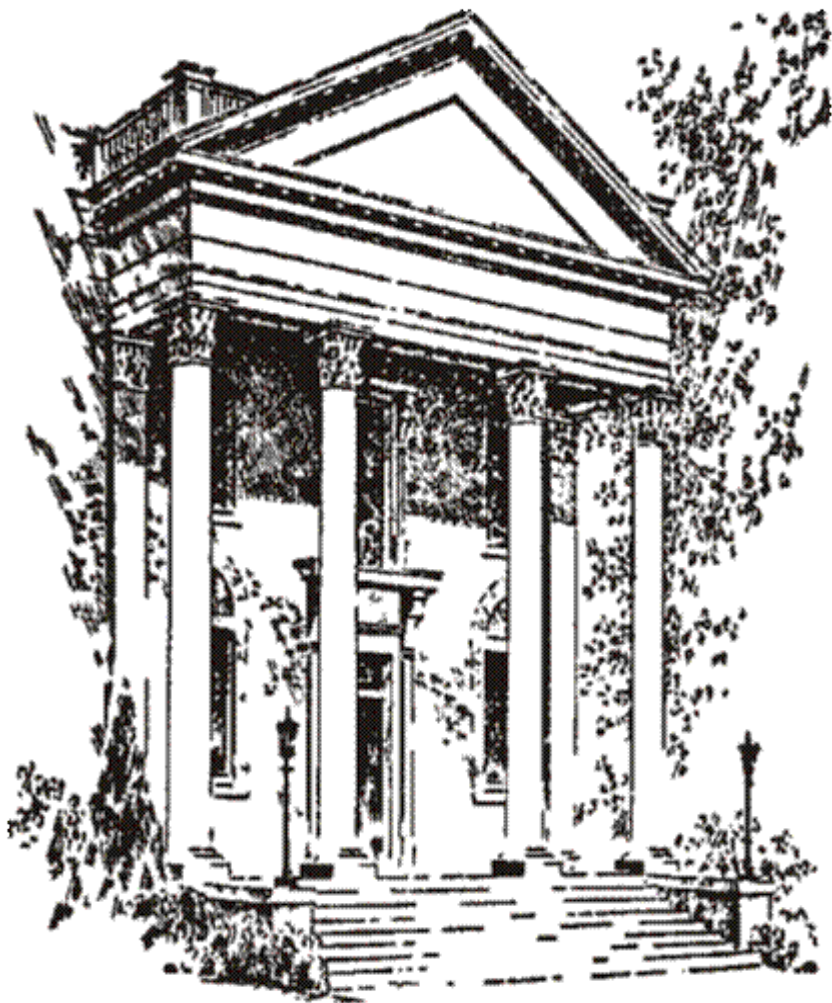




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



March 5, 2017
First Sunday in Lent

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Samanthra

Shape note song
from Missouri Harmony 1791

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,

People: a time to let the events get up and walk around in us,

Leader: a time to intensify our living unto Christ,

People: a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,

Leader: a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,

People: a time to touch his robe and feel the healing surge through us,

Leader: a time to ponder and a time to wonder...

**People: Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!
Come let us worship God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Jesus of the temptations, you enter the wilderness – of our hungers, our lust for power, our eagerness to test God, be with us on our journey to Jerusalem, we pray. Jesus of hopes, you set aside your glory, choosing to cradle us in your scarred hands; hold us in your tender embrace, we pray. Jesus of the Feast, you are broken so we might be healed, you pour out your self so we might be drenched in your grace, feed us from the simple gifts of creation, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN #158

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

* CALL TO CONFESSION (Lay Reader)

We are easily seduced by the temptations all around us. But if we are willing to trust God and offer our confessions, God is quick to forgive us and will fill us with hope. Together let us confess.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Led by the crafter of lies, Lord God, we wander into the wasteland of wrong-doing. We hunger for more and more, and yet we feel more and more empty. We seek power, especially over others, only to do harm. By our choices, we worship the false gods of success, wealth, and spectacle.

Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us for the power we give to temptation in our lives. Help us to become as vulnerable as Jesus, for in that vulnerability, we find the humility to trust you in all things; in that trust, we discover the grace which sets us free from the grasp of the shrewd one; in that freedom, we can leave our badlands behind, in order to follow Jesus through these forty days and beyond.

(silent confession)

*** KYRIE ELEISON Hymn #551**

Lord, Have Mercy

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Be glad and rejoice! Give thanks with shouts of joy!
Grace abounds for everyone.

People: With glad cries of deliverance, we offer our thanks to God who loves us and forgives us. Amen.

*** 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.

*** RESPONSE (Sung) - Glory Be to the Father - #581**

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

Wondrous Love

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(Chords in hymnal 215)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

(page 35)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 32

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN #191**

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 4:1-11

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Temptation

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* **AFFIRMATION** "The Apostles' Creed" (Traditional) (Unison)

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 THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

While the offering is collected, please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew. When everyone in your row has signed, please return the pad noting the names of those worshipping with you today.

Offertory

Sandpipers Dancing

Tish Westman

***Doxology (Sung) #606**

**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 (Lay Reader)**

Too often, we give into the temptation to keep everything for ourselves. But you, O God, would have us notice those who hunger for hope, as well as bread; those who are caught in the injustices of the world; those who struggle to find themselves. And in noticing, we become more generous and loving, even as we have been graced by our Savior, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*** HYMN #427**

Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Samanthra

Shape note song
from Missouri Harmony 1791

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

WELCOME - We are pleased to welcome Tish Westman as our Music Leader for Worship accompanied by Jessica Ray Aubrey and Jackie Williams. Tish is a resident Artist at Tamarack where she makes musical instruments. She also demonstrates and teaches people to play music. Tish is thankful for this opportunity to share music with you today. We are also pleased to welcome Maureen Wright to our pulpit today. Maureen is the Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of West Virginia and also serves as the Associate for Congregational Support. Maureen is a graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education and a Certified Christian Educator. She is a Ruling Elder and member of Village Chapel Presbyterian Church in Charleston's Kanawha City. Maureen is married to Todd Wright; they have two children, Emily, a fourth year student at the University of Virginia and Nate, a freshman at American University, Washington, DC. She enjoys cooking, reading and enjoying the outdoors with the family dog, Harper Lee.

TODAY'S BULLETIN - Several of the morning's liturgies are based on *Kneeling in Jerusalem* by Ann Weems and the liturgy blog of Thom Shuman.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in honor of her 4 children and 10 grandchildren and in memory of their Papa and her mother Betty Johnson by Patricia Rucker.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH - All are welcome to join us today following worship for our Fellowship Lunch in Friendship Hall.

TODAY we will Celebrate the Gifts of Women.

CHILDREN'S WELCOME BAGS - Welcome to worship! Visiting children, ages 3 - 5th grade please take one of the "guest" bags located on a stand in the back of the sanctuary. We are so glad you are here! Please return your guest bag following worship.

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME starts next **Sunday, March 12th**. Remember to turn your clocks forward Saturday night, March 11th.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: Lakeview Presbyterian Church, Lakebottom and Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Giaichamwenge Church, Giakanja Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Susan Shaffer for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Lay Reader Peggy White, Time for Young Disciples Leader Nancy Hageman, Nursery Assistant Ann Worley and to this week's greeter Ann Worley.

ELDERS ON CALL

March 5 - 11

Ross Hageman & Nancy Cameron

March 12 - 18

Scott Van Meter & Karen Reed

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.

“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.”

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Celebrate the Gifts of Women

1st Sunday in Lent

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

Noon - First Sunday Fellowship Lunch -
Friendship Hall

7 p.m. - Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, MARCH 6

9:30 a.m. - PW Coordinating Team Mtg. -
Witherspoon Room

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 a.m. - Shepherd's Center

10:00 a.m. - Tuesday Morning in
Witherspoon

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

11:00 a.m. - The Carpenter's Corner

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

Noon - GBMA Lenten Service &

Lunch - Francis Catholic Church

6:30 p.m. - Book Club

Witherspoon Room-

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m. - Handbells

7:15 p.m. - Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Noon - PW Circle Luncheon -
Friendship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

2nd Sunday in Lent

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

Daylight saving time begins

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