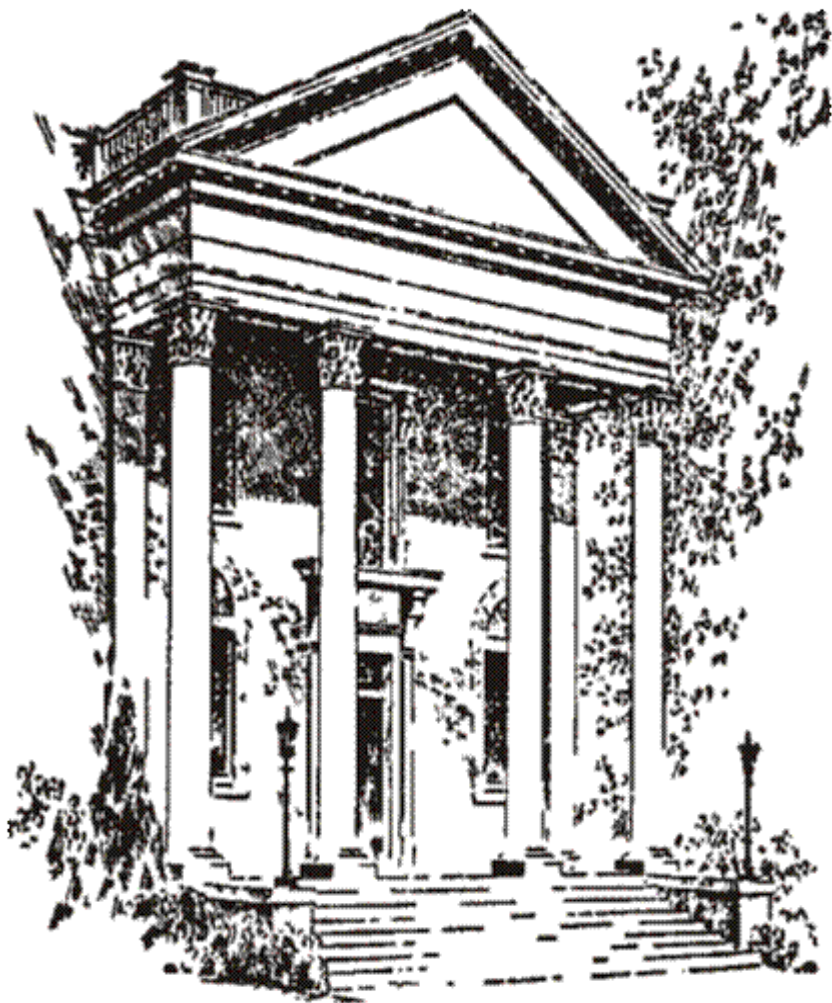




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



March 19, 2017
Third Sunday in Lent

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Meditation on Beautiful Savior

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, you who thirst for grace.

People: Come, you who hunger for justice.

Leader: Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.

People: Come, you who are like a child at home.

Leader: Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.

People: We have come to worship God.

All: Let us worship the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Lord God, Great I AM, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #161

A Women in the Night

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.

(silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON Hymn #551

Lord, Have Mercy

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*** 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

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

K. Lee Scott

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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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 Exodus 17:1-7

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** HYMN #435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 4:1-42

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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

Pastorale on River

***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

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN #754**

Help Us Accept Each Other

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Sortie on Aberystwyth

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

*The sympathy of the congregation
is extended to Patricia and John Lester and family
on the death of Patricia's aunt, Mae Sheppard,
who joined the church triumphant on March 13, 2017.*

*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 worshiping with us today. If this is your first time worshiping 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 Rev. Julie Hitsman to our pulpit today. Julie grew up in upstate New York and recently moved to West Virginia to pursue her love of chaplaincy at CAMC Women and Children's Hospital. She has a Masters of Divinity from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, 5 units of CPE from a level one trauma center, and is ordained by PC(USA). In her free time she enjoys playing video games and going for long walks with her husband Justin and two dogs, Levi and Joey.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Amalee and Ruford Blankenship, sister, Sonja Hrapchak and infant daughter, Wendy Lee Corey by Jennifer Blankenship.

TODAY we will receive our monthly **Cents-Ability Offering and Food for Helping Hands.**

ORGAN RECITAL – Dr. Kipp Cortez will be playing a recital here at Beckley Presbyterian Church on **Tuesday, March 21 at 7 pm** in celebration of the 332nd birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach! There will be a reception in Friendship Hall following the concert.

NOMINATION FORMS for the Session Class of 2018-2019 and a list of active confirmed members are available in the Narthex. All forms should be returned by **Sunday, April 9, 2017.**

EASTER FLOWERS - If you would like to order an Easter Lily or a Tulip to decorate the church for Easter, please place your order by **Sunday, April 9, 2017.** Order forms are available in the Narthex.

THE GBMA LENTEN SERVICE will be at First Baptist Church this **Wednesday, March 22nd.** Service will begin at noon followed by a light lunch in Friendship Hall.

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

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: Clear Creek Presbyterian Church, Eleanor Presbyterian Church and Gilbert Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Kihora Church, Giakanja Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Debbie Goodson for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Matt DiGiulian Lay Reader, Time for Young Disciples Leader Darlene McNeel, Nursery Assistant Nancy Kissinger and to this week's greeters Mac Tieche & Melinda Bland.

ELDERS ON CALL

March 19 - 25 - Betsy Gilmer & Bill Hartling

March 26 - April 1 - Mac Tieche & Charles McNeel

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 19

3rd Sunday in Lent

Food for Helping Hands

Cents-Ability Offering

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, MARCH 20

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

5:30 p.m.-Ministry of Church Growth/
Service Mtg. - Friendship Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

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

10 a.m. - Tuesday Morning in
Witherspoon

4:30 p.m.- Ministry of Administration -
Witherspoon Room

7 p.m - Organ Recital

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

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

Noon - GBMA Lenten Service &

Lunch - First Baptist Church

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

5:00 p.m. - Property Meeting -
Witherspoon Room

6:00 p.m. - Handbells

7:15 p.m. - Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

10:30 a.m. - Cub Scouts-

Pinewood Derby in Friendship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

4th Sunday in Lent

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

3:30 p.m. - Ordination of Beth Stone

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

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