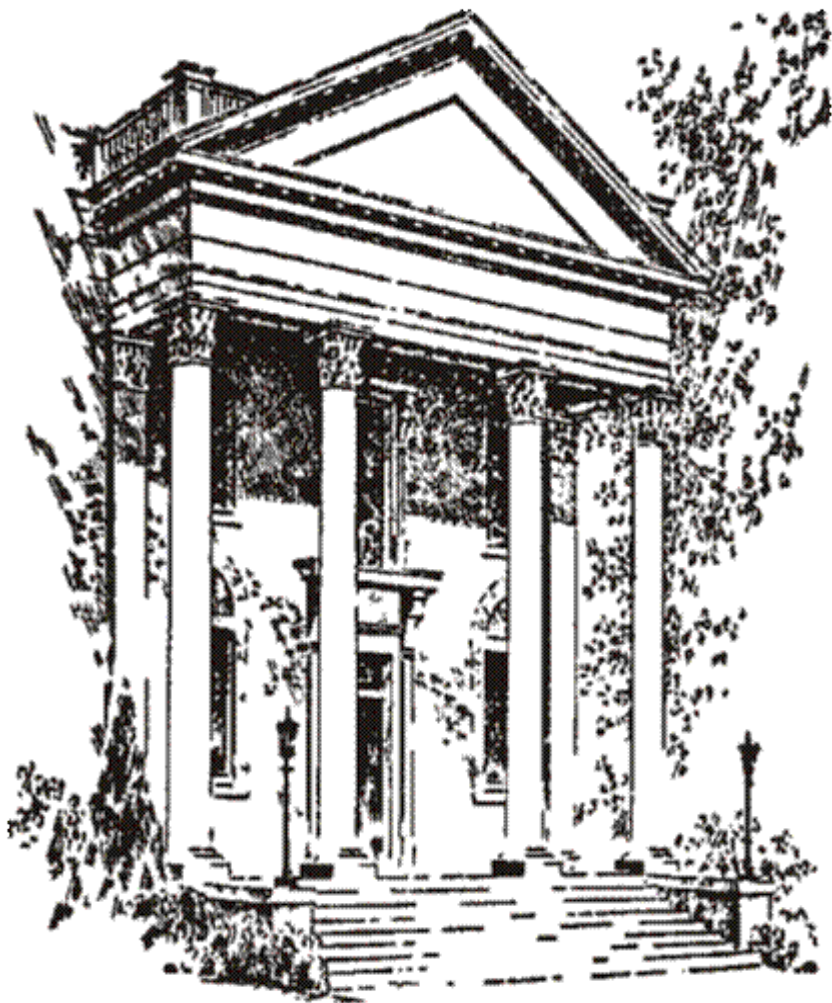




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



**March 26, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

# GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

## ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

**PRELUDE**      *A Shepherd's Love - Karen Buckwalter*  
Beckley Presbyterian Handbell Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Adapted Heidelberg Catechism Q88–90*

Leader: What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

**People:** **Two things:**  
**the dying-away of the old self,**  
**and the rising-to-life of the new.**

Leader: What is the dying-away of the old self?

**People:** **To be genuinely sorry for sin**  
**and more and more to hate**  
**and run away from it.**

Leader: What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

**People:** **Wholehearted joy in God through Christ**  
**and a love and delight to live**  
**according to the will of God**  
**by doing every kind of good work.**  
**Let us worship God.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Unison)

Holy God, for all your blessings, known and unknown, remembered and forgotten, we give you thanks. God of all vision, why is it that we look, but do not see? Open our eyes, bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, that we may say with conviction in our souls, "One thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." In Christ's light, we pray. Amen.

\* HYMN # 377

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We look at outward appearances and fail to see what pleases you. We look with judgment on others and fail to see our own sin. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(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**

*Shepherd Me O God*  
Rachel McNeel - Solo

Martyr Haugen

**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

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** - Isaiah 35:5-10

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\* **HYMN #649**

*Amazing Grace*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** - John 9:1-41

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Sight Received

## 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

*Steal Away - Spiritual*  
Adult Choir

**\*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 #215**

*What Wondrous Love is This*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

*At Evening - David Haas*

**POSTLUDE**

*Vater Unser in Himmelreich BWV 646 - J.S. Bach*

*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 Helen and John Walker and family  
on the death of his Sister, Elma Allen  
who joined the church triumphant on March 11, 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 Jeff Lewis to our pulpit today. Jeff is a Certified Public Accountant with a practice in Lewisburg, WV. He went to Old Stone Presbyterian Church while growing up and for the last 28 years he has been a member of the Spring Creek Presbyterian Church in Renick, WV, where he lives as well. Jeff felt the calling to preach in 2012 and enrolled in the Presbytery's authorized lay preaching program and completed that in November 2016. He has two adult sons and in his spare time he works on his farm with his horses.

**THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Cotton and Margaret McLean, Bob McLean and Jennie McLean Anderson by the McLean Clan.

**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 Beckley Presbyterian Church this **Wednesday, March 29th**. Service will begin at noon followed by a light lunch in Friendship Hall.

**ORDINATION OF ELIZABETH STONE** - The Presbytery of West Virginia invites you to celebrate the ordination of Elizabeth Stone to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) **today** at 3:30 p.m. at Beckley Presbyterian Church. Reception to follow in Friendship Hall.

**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**.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH** - All are welcome to join us next **Sunday, April 2nd** following worship for our Fellowship 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: Second Presbyterian Church, Huntington, Liberty Presbyterian Church and Green Bank Mill Creek Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Wamagana Church and Nursery School, Giakanja Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

**OUR THANKS** to Brenda Meadows for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Rachel McNeel Lay Reader, Time for Young Disciples Leader Nancy Hageman, Nursery Assistant Robin Feldhake and to this week's greeter Brenda Meadows.

## ELDERS ON CALL

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 26**

*4th Sunday in Lent*

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

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

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 27**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m. - Session

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

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

10 a.m. - Tuesday Morning in  
Witherspoon

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

*Pipe Line*

Noon - GBMA Lenten Service & Lunch -  
Beckley Presbyterian Church

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m. - Handbells

7:15 p.m. - Choir

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 31**

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

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

*Festival of Faith - First Presbyterian  
Church, Charleston*

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

*5th 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

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Closed for lunch	Noon - 1 p.m.		
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See above for Staff Extensions			

## SESSION

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Peggy White

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Charles McNeel  
Ann Worley

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