



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



May 14, 2017
5th Sunday of Easter

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE Variations on “*A Mighty Fortress*” Robert Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 31:1-3, 5

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

People: **Incline your ear to me;**
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name’s sake lead me and guide me,

People: **Into your hand I commit my spirit;**
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* **HYMN #04**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

* **CALL OF CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, there is so much that is wrong in our world - hatred, violence, and war. There is so much that is wrong in our lives - our disappointments, our worries, our broken relationships, and the ways we hurt ourselves and each other. You seem so far off during these times of confusion. We confess that in our confusion we have not been steady people of faith. We have been stones of denial and complacency. Forgive us for not holding onto you as our rock and our salvation.

LITANY OF ASSURANCE 1 Peter 2:4-10

Leader: Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ.

People: For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Leader: To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

People: and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

Leader: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

People: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

* **RESPONSE #551**

Lord, Have Mercy

* **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

Bright Mansions Above

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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 (Unison)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:54-60

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* **HYMN #44**

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

SECOND LESSON

I Peter 3:2-10

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Useful Stones

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

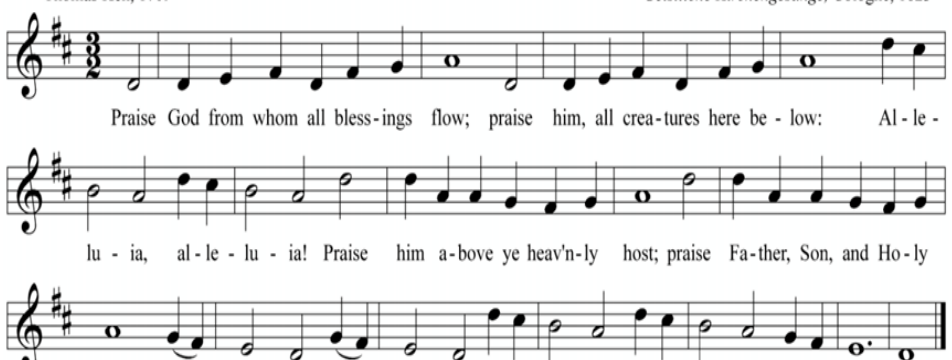
CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

Offertory *Children of the Heavenly Father* Robert Hobby

*Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1709 Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN # 326** *For All The Saints*

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE** *God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*

* **POSTLUDE** *For All The Saints* Robert Hobby

*The sympathy of the congregation
is extended to Jerry Bays
on the death of his sister Kenna Bays Holt
who joined the church triumphant on May 8, 2017*

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 - We are pleased to welcome back Rev. James Robinson to our pulpit today. Jim grew up on a farm in north central Missouri, the seventh of nine children. They were active in the Methodist church; Jim has particular memories of Sunday school, VBS, and the Youth Group. When he met Karen during his college years, it was easy for him to take on her life-long Presbyterian faith tradition, and they have been active in various churches all their lives. Jim has served as a deacon, an elder, and went to Seminary while serving on the Committee on Ministry in Middle Tennessee Presbytery. They have two daughters and three granddaughters.

Jim retired from the only pastorate he has served – nearly 14 years at the Elk Hills church near Charleston, WV.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband John and parents Charles and Alice Ray and stepmother Frances Ray and John and Gertrude Fairlie by Marcia Fairlie.

YOUR INVITED to celebrate the retirement of Nancy Kissinger this Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2 p.m-6 p.m. at the Beckley Main Branch of Chase on Neville Street. Stop by for refreshments and to wish Nancy well.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: First Presbyterian Church, Thomas, and Westminster Presbyterian Church; Vienna and to Kiagonde Church in the Kagumo Parish

OUR THANKS to Betty Klingensmith for ‘Cookies in the Witherspoon Room’ to Ellen Combs Lay Reader, Time for Young Disciples Leader Ann Worley, Nursery Assistant Robin Feldhake, and to this week’s greeter Hester Thacker.

ELDERS ON CALL

May 14-May 20 Nancy Cameron and Peggy White
May 21—May 27 Charles McNeel and Mac Tieche

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, May 14

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

MONDAY, May 15

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, May 16

9:00 a.m. - Shepherd's Center
10 a.m. - Tuesday Morning in
Witherspoon Room
4:30 p.m.-Ministry of Admin.-
Witherspoon Room
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, May 17

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg
6:30 p.m.-Book Club—
Witherspoon Room

THURSDAY, May 18

PWV Meeting-Bridgeport Presbyterian
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
5:00-8:00 p.m.-Preschool Graduation
Friendship Hall
6:00 p.m. - Handbells
7:15 p.m. - Choir

FRIDAY, May 19

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
6:00 p.m.-Kitchen Committee Mtg-
Friendship Hall

SUNDAY, May 21

Cents-A-Bility Offering and Food for Helping Hands
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
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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Nancy Kissinger
Charles McNeel
Ann Worley

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Nancy Cameron
Bill Hartling
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Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan in Bangladesh
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