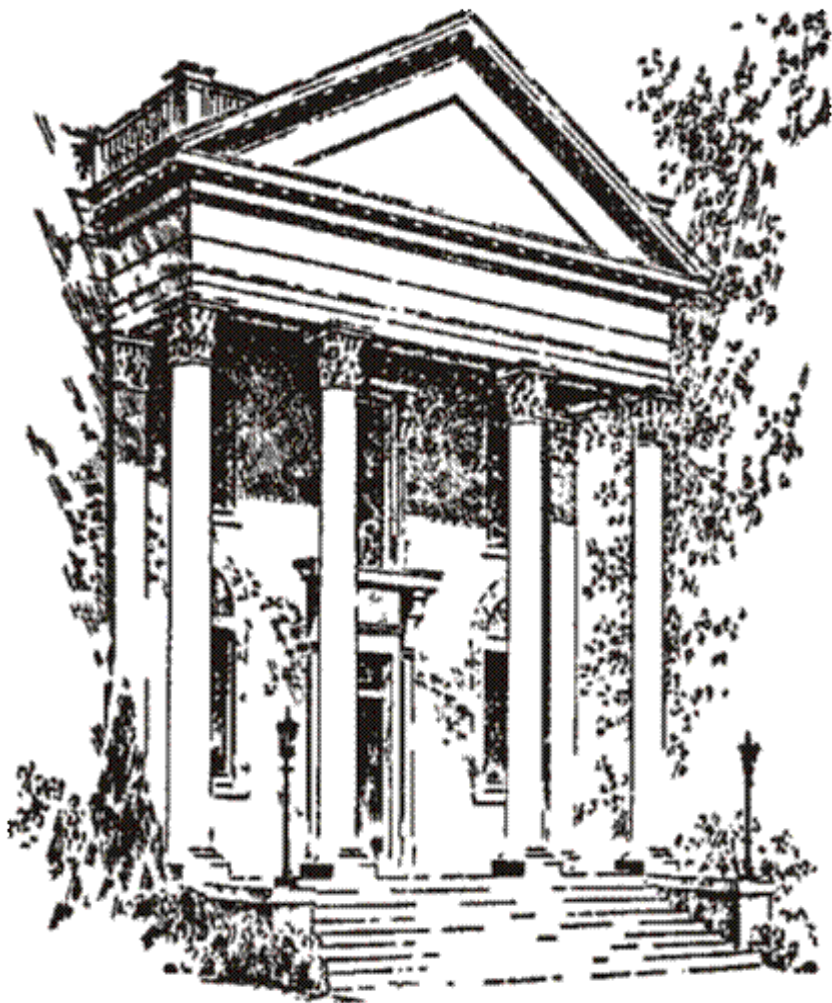




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



May 21, 2017  
6th Sunday of Easter

# GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

## ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

### PRELUDE

*Shall We Gather At the River*

Handbell Choir

### CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 8*

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have  
founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens,  
the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars  
that you have established;  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

**People: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

Leader: You have given them dominion over  
the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

**People: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,**

Leader: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**People: O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\* HYMN #12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you call us to acknowledge our sin, to change our lives, to strive to live by your words and your way. We confess that we turn a deaf ear to your words and a blind eye to your example. We are all sinful people and too often we give only a half-hearted nod to that truth. Forgive us we pray, in Jesus name, Amen.  
*(silent confession)*

\* KYRIE ELEISON#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

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

Childs

## 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

Psalm 66:8-20

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## \* HYMN #188

*Jesus Loves Me*

## SECOND LESSON

John 14:15-21

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Never Orphaned

## 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

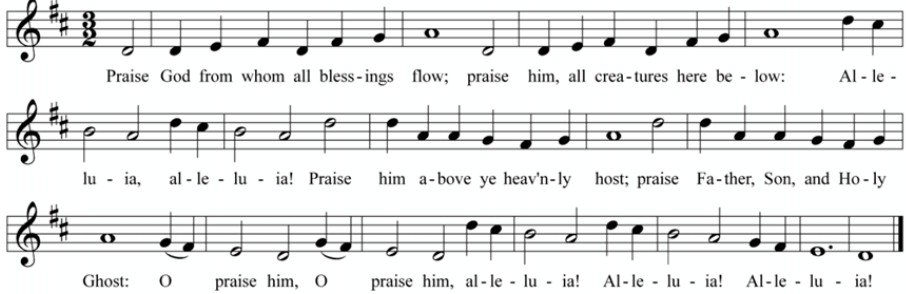
*A Shepherd’s Love*  
Handbell Choir

Karen Buckwalter

## \*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 #366**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

*God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*

\* **POSTLUDE** *There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil* Ned Rorem  
(from the dying words of James Naylor - 1660)

*The sympathy of the congregation  
is extended to Jeff Harris  
on the death of his brothers  
who joined the church triumphant in April  
and one on May 13, 2017*

*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.

**WELCOME** - We are pleased to welcome back Rev. Cameron Harkness as our guest pastor. Cameron and his wife, Susan, retired to Lewisburg in 2006. They have two sons and four grandchildren. Cameron and Susan have lived in Kansas City, MO., Dunedin, Wauchula, and Orange Park in FL, Weslaco, TX, and Leesburg, VA during Cameron's pastorates. Since retirement he has done part-time interims in Marlinton, Hillsboro, and in August finished 17 months as full-time interim at Old Stone.

**THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and In loving memory of their mother Annabelle Woods on her birthday, by her sons Sam and Cameron Woods and their families.

**DAY OF PENTECOST/YOUTH SUNDAY** - On Sunday, June 4th, we will celebrate Youth Sunday and Pentecost Sunday and will receive the Pentecost offering. Then join us for the Pentecost Celebration immediately following worship in Friendship Hall. Remember to wear red, yellow or orange on Pentecost Sunday.

**CHURCH PICNIC** - All are welcome to join us at the church picnic on Sunday, June 11th at Daniel Vineyards. The sign-up sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary.

**BABY SHOWER** You are invited to a Baby Shower luncheon June 18th, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the church service. Join us in celebrating with Kim and Kevin Smith as they prepare for their baby girl. The baby registry can be found at: Walmart.com or Amazon.com type in: Kevin or Kim Smith, Beckley WV 25801, Due date July 25 2017.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out to these churches today: Zion Presbyterian Church, Helvetia, Bates Memorial Presbyterian Church, Huntington and Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, Huntington in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Marua Parish in the Kagumo Presbytery.

**OUR THANKS** to Bill Cameron for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Lay Reader Bill Hartling, Time for Young Disciples Leader Nancy Hageman, Nursery Assistant Ann Worley, and to this week's greeters Don & Debbie Goodson.

## ELDERS ON CALL

May 21-27 Charles McNeel and Mac Tieche

May 28-June 3 Jack Schroder and Ross Hageman

**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 21

Cents-A-Bility Offering and  
food for Helping Hands  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. - Worship  
Noon-Congregational Care Mtg.  
Witherspoon Room  
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

### MONDAY, May 22

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.  
6:00 p.m.-Session

### TUESDAY, May 23

9:00 a.m. - Shepherd's Center  
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scout Mtg- Banquet  
Friendship Hall  
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### WEDNESDAY, May 24

Pipe Line  
11:00 a.m.-The Carpenter's Corner  
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg  
6:30 p.m.-Book Club-  
Witherspoon Rm

### THURSDAY, May 25

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.  
6:00 p.m. - Handbells  
7:15 p.m. - Choir

### FRIDAY, May 26

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

### SUNDAY, May 28

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. - Worship  
12:00 p.m.-Ministry of Christian Ed-  
Witherspoon Room  
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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Charles McNeel  
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