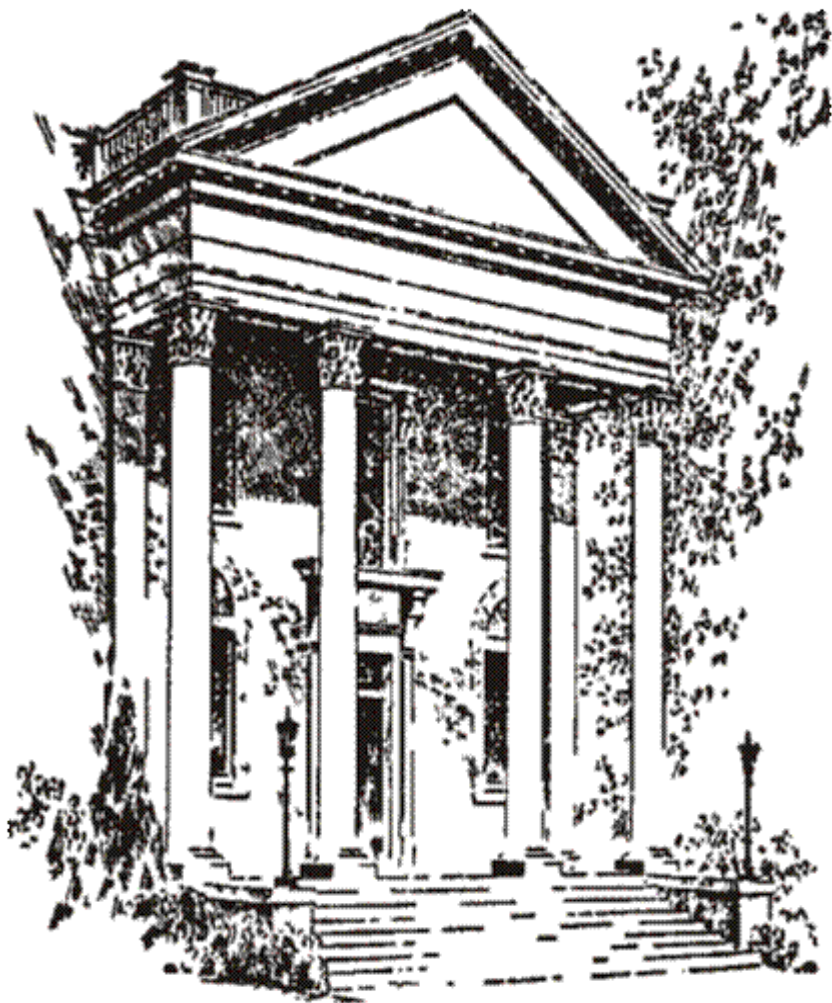




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



May 28, 2017  
7th Sunday of Easter

# GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

## ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

### PRELUDE

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

Ronald A Nelson

### CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 96*

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord;

People: **sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Say among the nations: "The Lord reigns."

People: **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

This is the day that you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people: to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises. Open our eyes to see you, Lord. Open our ears to hear your Word. Visit us through your Holy Spirit, and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

### \* HYMN #662

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We Confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.  
*(silent confession)*

### \* KYRIE ELEISON #551

*Lord, Have Mercy*

\* **LITANY OF ASSURANCE** - John 17:1-5

**Leader:** Afterward, Jesus looked up to heaven and said,  
“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so  
that the Son may glorify you, since you have  
given him authority over all people,  
to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

**People:** **And this is eternal life,  
that they may know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.**

**Leader:** I glorified you on earth by finishing  
the work that you gave me to do.

**People:** **So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence  
with the glory that I had in your presence  
before the world existed.**

\* **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**

*I'm Going Home*

Sacred Harp  
arr. Pepper Choplin

## 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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\* **HYMN #183**

*Come To Me, O Weary Traveler*

**SECOND LESSON**

Acts 1:6-14

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Time for Preparation

**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***Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

Ronald A Nelson

## \*Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1709

*Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: 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 #318**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

*God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*

\* **POSTLUDE**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

Ronald A Nelson

*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 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 by Margaret Ann and Jerry Bays in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary on May 30. They were married in the chapel and Harriet Jones played the piano 25 years ago.

**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: Church of Our Savior, Clarksburg, Clothier Presbyterian Church, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, Huntington in the Presbytery of West Virginia; the Muruguru Church in the Kagumo Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

**OUR THANKS** to Nancy Estep for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Marcie Fairlie Lay Reader, Time for Young Disciples Leader Jennifer Blankenship, Nursery Assistant Robin VanMeter, and to this week's greeter Nancy Estep.

## ELDERS ON CALL

**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 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

### **MONDAY, May 29**

*Office Closed*  
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **TUESDAY, May 30**

9:00 a.m. - Shepherd's Center  
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **WEDNESDAY, May 31**

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

### **THURSDAY, June 1**

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

### **FRIDAY, June 2**

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

### **SUNDAY, June 4**

*Pentecost and Youth Sunday*  
*Pentecost special offerings*  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. - Worship with Communion  
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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|------------------|---------------|-------|--|
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| Friday           | Closed        |       |  |

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