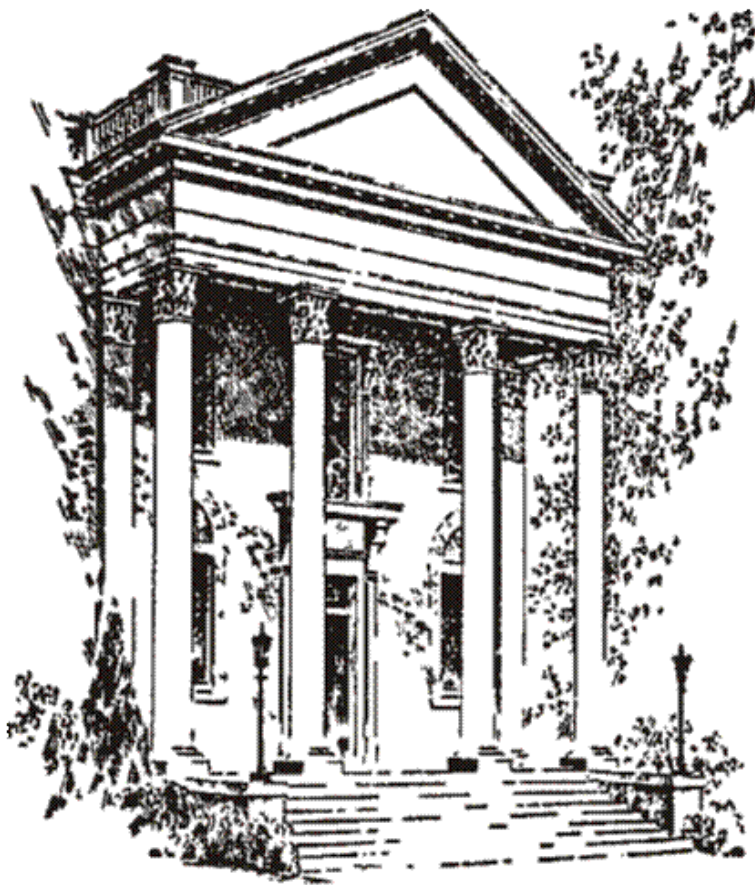




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



**November 12, 2017**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

*“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.”*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

### WE GATHER AND CONFESS

#### PRELUDE

*Aberystwyth*

Wilbur Held

#### CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Helen Walker

One: O God, be not far from us,

**Many: For we are your children.**

One: O God, help us to believe,

**Many: For in Christ we would live abundantly.**

One: O God, we search for you and would worship you,

**Many: For in you we live and move and have our being.**

#### \* HYMN 385

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Old 100th)*

#### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Holy and gracious God,

You are all light and wonder and glory.

You are our strength and our delight;

You give us all we need to live.

Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more.

Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness.

Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you.

Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

#### \* HYMN 551

*Lord Have Mercy*

Kyrie Eleison

**Lord, have mercy; Christ Have mercy;**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*Romans 8:38–39 AdaptJDB*)

One: Hear the good news:

**Many: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.**

One: Believe the gospel!

**Many: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.**

**\* 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.*

**\* HYMN 581**                      **Glory Be to the Father**                      Response  
**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.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**ANTHEM**

*My Lord What A Morning*

Greg Gilpin

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Jennifer Blankenship

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 (*Together*)

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (*John 6:68*)

**THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Psalms 78:1-7

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\* HYMN 839**

*Blessed Assurance*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

“Convenient Codes”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD****\* AFFIRMATION** “The Apostles’ Creed” *(Together; Traditional)*

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.

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION****PASTOR’S PRAYER**

Recognition of the Veterans

**HYMN 338***O Beautiful for Spacious Skies***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION***...In Joy or in sadness; we do not walk alone.***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew. At this time you may also fill out the Encouragement Cards located in the back of the pews and place them in the collection plate.

**OFFERING**

Offertory

*Keep Your Lamps*  
Chancel Choir

Spiritual

\* **HYMN 606** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* Doxology

**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** *(Together)*

Gracious God, receive our gifts, tokens of thanks for your extravagant blessings, signs of trust in your coming reign of justice, peace, and love; in Jesus' name. Amen.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

\* **HYMN 819**

*Be Still My Soul*

\* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

\* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Steal Away*

Spiritual

**POSTLUDE**

*Ein' feste Burg*

Wilbur Held

*We invite you to sit and listen to the Postlude before you leave worship*

**GO IN PEACE!**

*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. If you are participating in Beckley Presbyterian Church and you would like to become a member, please speak with our Pastor Jim Burton. His information is available on the back of the bulletin.

**THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Cindy Worley's parents, Tom and Doris Martin and Scott's parents, Basil and Peggy Worley and niece Chloe Keffer.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT** has changed and it will now be next **Sunday, November 19th** to coincide with the Thanksgiving Luncheon. For your convenience you may also leave your card in the Treasurer's mailbox or you can mail them to the church.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER** - to be held **November 19, 2017** immediately following worship in Friendship Hall. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 11 and under, with a maximum of \$18 per family. Tickets will be sold **today after the service**.

**POINSETTIA** order forms are available in the back of the Sanctuary. The deadline to order poinsettias will be **Sunday, November 19th**. Please return your completed order forms and payment to the church office.

**CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING and FOOD FOR HELPING HANDS** will be next Sunday November 19

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** we will be **Wednesday, November 29th**. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and decorating will take place afterwards. So come join us for a little work and a lot of fun!

**THANK OFFERING LUNCHEON** will be **Thursday, November 16th** at 12 noon in the Friendship Hall for all the women of the church. The cost is \$6.00 and bring a stuff animal to give to Brenda Meadows for her project for the displaced children in our area.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out today to Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston, Church of the Covenant, Grafton and First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Githakwa in the Wandumbi Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

**OUR THANKS** to Bill Cameron for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Helen Walker Lay Reader, to Jennifer Blankenship Time for Young Disciples Leader, Robin VanMeter Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeter Mary Calvert.

## ELDERS ON CALL

**Nov 12-18**-Nancy Cameron and Betsy Gilmer

**Nov 19-25** –Rachel McNeel and Nancy Kissinger

**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. Pastor Jim's class will meet in the Chapel.

**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, November 12**

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. - Worship  
12:00 p.m.-Ministry of Christian Ed-  
Witherspoon Room  
12:00 p.m.-Youth Making Cookies -  
Kitchen  
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

### **MONDAY, November 13**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.  
5:30 p.m.-Ministry of Church Growth-  
Witherspoon Room

### **TUESDAY, November 14**

9:00 a.m.-Shepherd's Center  
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts-  
Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m.-Ministry of Worship-  
Witherspoon Room  
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **WEDNESDAY, November 15**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

### **THURSDAY, November 16**

PWV Mtg. Lewisburg  
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg  
12:00 p.m.-PW Thank Luncheon-  
Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m.-Handbell's  
7:15 p.m.-Choir

### **FRIDAY, November 17**

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

### **SUNDAY, November 19**

*Stewardship Commitment Sunday*  
*Cents-Ability and Food for Helping Hands*  
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. - Worship  
12:00 p.m.-Thanksgiving Luncheon-  
Fellowship Hall  
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

## STAFF

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## SESSION

### Class of 2017-2018

Dan Calvert  
Ross Hageman  
Nancy Kissinger  
Charles McNeel  
Ann Worley

### Class of 2018-2019

Nancy Cameron  
Bill Hartling  
Karen Reed  
Clyde Smith  
Mac Tieche

### Class of 2019-2020

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Patricia A. Lester, Clerk of Session

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