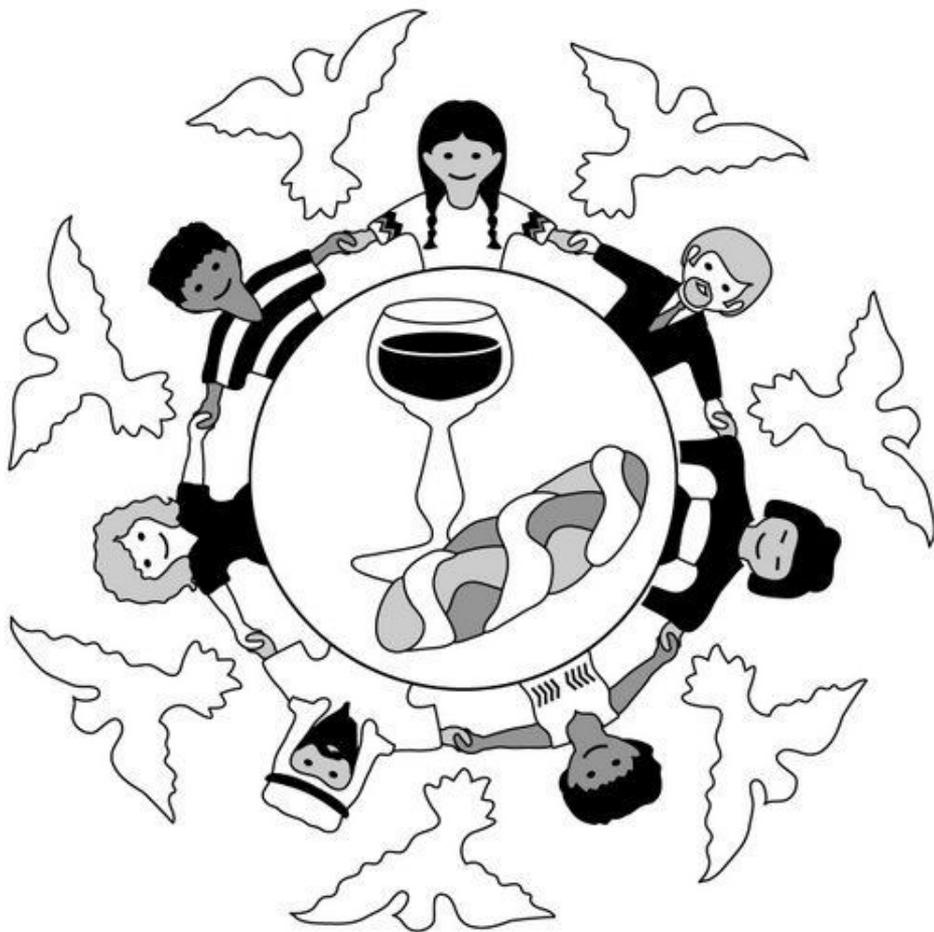




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



October 1, 2017
17th Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Prelude on American Fold Hymns* Judy Hunnicutt

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive; Philippians 2:10–11*) Karen Reed

One: At the name of Jesus every knee should bend and every
tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Many: **Glory to God. Amen.**

* **HYMN 438** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (*Ezekiel 18:31*)

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together; Philippians 2:3–4, 13*)

Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your
obedient children.

We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you
with our actions.

We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form
of a servant, for we have acted with selfish ambition.

We have put our interests before the interests of others and
have not regarded them in humility.

Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repen-
tance, and enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*Silence is kept*)

* **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** (*Ezekiel 18:32*)

One: Go Brothers and sisters, God offers us the forgiveness of
our sin and abundant life because we have repented.

Many: **We turn away from sin, and we live in Christ, our Lord.**

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32 Page 23 Rachel Feldhake

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“MAYA’ Jesus”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* **STATEMENT OF FAITH** (*Together; Romans 8:31b-39, NRSV*)

If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.* ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither

death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any thing else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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.)

Offertory *Vater Unser im Himmelreich* J.S. Bach BWV 636

- * **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; Philippians 2:13*)

Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept the offering of our lives in union with Christ's offering for us, and make us humble and obedient servants who will work for your good pleasure; through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE (*Insert*)

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

- * **HYMN 769** *For Everyone Born*

- * **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

- * **CHORAL RESPONSE 853** *We Are Marching in the Light of God*
Siyahamba

GO IN PEACE!

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.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and In loving memory of Judy's mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kesler by Judy and Buzz Ragland

PRESBYTERY DISASTER RELIEF to send supplies check out <https://www.nvoad.org/hurricane-harvey/hurricane-harveyhow-to-help/>. They will know what is needed.

THESE DAYS daily devotional for living by faith are available in the office. Pick up you copy today.

OUR MUSIC TODAY for World Communion Sunday represents a wide variety of music coming to us from many parts of the world; from Africa to Appalachian Folk. You are encouraged to participate in our world's musical offerings by singing, listening, and clapping along as you feel moved!

CHILI NIGHT Join us October 7th for Chili Night..We will gather at 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall to begin preparation for setting up the booth downtown. The actual event will start at 5:00 and end around 8:00. Any questions call Peggy 304-923-4822.

OUR PRAYERS go out today to Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, Huntington, Upperglade Presbyterian Church, Whittico Memorial Presbyterian Church, Keystone Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Ihithe Church in the Thegenge Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, October 15 after worship to approve the youth and women of the church nominees to the Officer Nominating Committee.

THE NEW PIPE LINE is available in the rack at the back of the church be sure to pick up your copy. Or you can go to our website beckleypres.org and view it on line.

PAYPAL is now available to make donations on our website. Just go to beckleypres.org and click on DONATIONS, scroll down and click the button to make your one time or recurring donation.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING - Today we will receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering .

OUR THANKS to Robin Feldhake for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Karen Reed Lay Reader, Pastor Jim Burton Time for Young Disciples Leader , Robin Feldhake Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeter Brenda Meadows.

ELDERS ON CALL

Oct 1-7-Ross Hageman and Al Combs

Oct 8-14-Betsy Gilmer 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. 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, October 1

World Communion Sunday

And Peace Offering

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

12:10p.m.-Called Session Meeting

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

THURSDAY, October 5

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m.-Handbells

7:15 p.m.-Choir

FRIDAY, October 6

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

MONDAY, October 2

9:30 a.m.-PW Coordinating Team mtg-
Witherspoon Room

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

SATURDAY, October 7

Chili Night

TUESDAY, October 3

6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts Meeting-
Fellowship Hall

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

SUNDAY, October 8

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m - Worship

3:00 p.m.-Fellowship Hall Reserved

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

WEDNESDAY, October 4

12:00 p.m.-Jim's Brown Bag Group

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

3:15 p.m.-Staff Meeting

