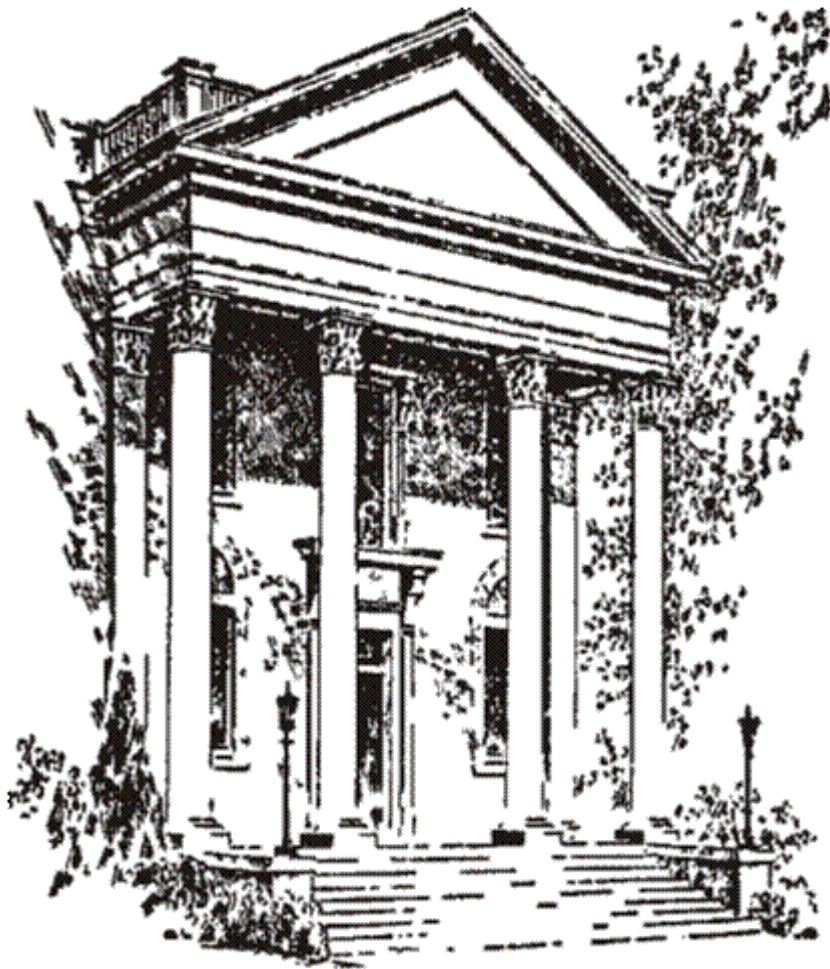




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



October 15, 2017
19th 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 *On Eagle's Wings* Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*) Charles McNeel

One: You have been called to the banquet.

Many: This is the feast.

One: You have been summoned to the wedding.

Many: This is the feast of life and light.

One: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

**Many: We have come to the banquet that has no end.
Alleluia! Amen!**

* **HYMN 363** *Rejoice! The Lord is King*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (*Psalm 106:6, 20–21*)

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together; Exodus 32:1; 20:2 adapted JDB;*

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet

Our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward the trivial and indifference— the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our intolerance and forgetfulness.

Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause and assumption— an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt.

Our trust is so very fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making— the god of country, self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form.

Lord, have mercy on us, through 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** (*Ps. 106:23; adapted JDB*)

One: Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach and to reconcile us to God.

Many: Our sins are forgiven as we truly repent. We are forgiven and freed!

* **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 473

Shepherd Me, O God

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rachel McNeel

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

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 4:1-9

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14 Page24

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SERMON

“Didn’t You Get an Invitation?”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS *(Insert)*

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PASTOR’S PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Psalm 106:1; 119:90)*

One: Mothering God, you never abandon your children;

Many: your steadfast love endures forever, your faithfulness throughout the generations.

One: We pray for those in our world whose trust has been broken

Many: through exploitation by people in power or abuse by those in intimate circles. *(silence)*

One: We pray for those whose trust has been broken

Many: through abandonment by those who promised to stay or manipulation by those who refuse to let go. *(silence)*

One: We pray for those whose trust has been broken

Many: through cold comfort in times of affliction or callous rebukes of those on the margins. *(silence)*

One: We pray for those whose trust has been broken

Many: through the trauma of war or the chaos of assault. *(silence)*
(Together) **Empower us, your body, to enfold and protect those broken in body, mind, or spirit, through your all-embracing grace. Amen.**

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

Shepherd Me, O God

Haugen/Callahan

* **HYMN 708** Vs1

We Give Thee But Thine Own

Doxology

**We give thee but thine own,
What-ever the gift may be;
All that we have is thine a-lone,
a trust, O lord, from thee. Amen**

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*Together; Isaiah 25:4*)

Creator God, you are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you, because we belong to you. Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church, that through the work of your Spirit we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. Through Christ, who is our shield and our stronghold. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 804**

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

* **CHARGE**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Lutkin

* **POSTLUDE**

This Is the Feast

Charles Callahan

We invite you to set and listen to the Postlude before you leave worship

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. 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 his wife, Karen Thomas by John Thomas and family.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH note cards are available in the Witherspoon Room for members to write a note to our current, as well as previous pastors who are still living, expressing appreciation for their service to our church.

THE ORGAN MUSIC FOR LITURGY today is focused on composer and arranger Charles Callahan's work. Dr. Callahan, in addition to being an award winning composer, is also a noted arranger. Today's Gospel recalls a great wedding feast, a foreshadowing of especially the heavenly banquet and also the Last Supper. The Psalm for the day is the familiar Psalm 23, reflected in the choral and organ music of the day. The Isaiah reading for today is reflected in the anthem and other music for today's celebration. *This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.*"

OUR PRAYERS go out today to Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Gassaway Fleming Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairmont in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Mathakwaini Church in the Thegenge Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today after worship to approve the youth and women of the church nominees to the Officer Nominating Committee.

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.

OUR THANKS to Cathy Smith for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Charles McNeel Lay Reader, Rachel McNeel Time for Young Disciples Leader, Marie Lewis Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeter Clyde and Cathy Smith.

ELDERS ON CALL

Oct 15-21-Ann Worley and Drema Davis
Oct 22-28-Dave Sotak and Nancy Cameron

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 15

*Cents-Ability Offering and
Food for Helping Hands*
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
10:55 a.m - Worship-Ordination of
Elder and Congregational Meeting
12:00 p.m.-Fellowship Luncheon
12:00 p.m.-Ministry of Christian Ed
Witherspoon Room
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, October 16

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

TUESDAY, October 17

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

WEDNESDAY, October 18

12:00 p.m.-Jim's Brown Bag Group-
Fellowship Hall
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg
3:15 p.m.-Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m.-Ministry of Admin Mtg-
Witherspoon Room

THURSDAY, October 19

Pastor Jim Out of Town
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
5:00 p.m.-Property Mtg-
Witherspoon Room
6:00 p.m.-Handbells
7:15 p.m.-Choir

FRIDAY, October 20

Pastor Jim Out of Town
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

SUNDAY, October 22

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

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The Reverend Jim Burton, Pastor, Ext. 5
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Clyde Smith
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Betsy Gilmer
Drema Davis
Mary Calvert
David Sotak
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Patricia A. Lester, Clerk of Session

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