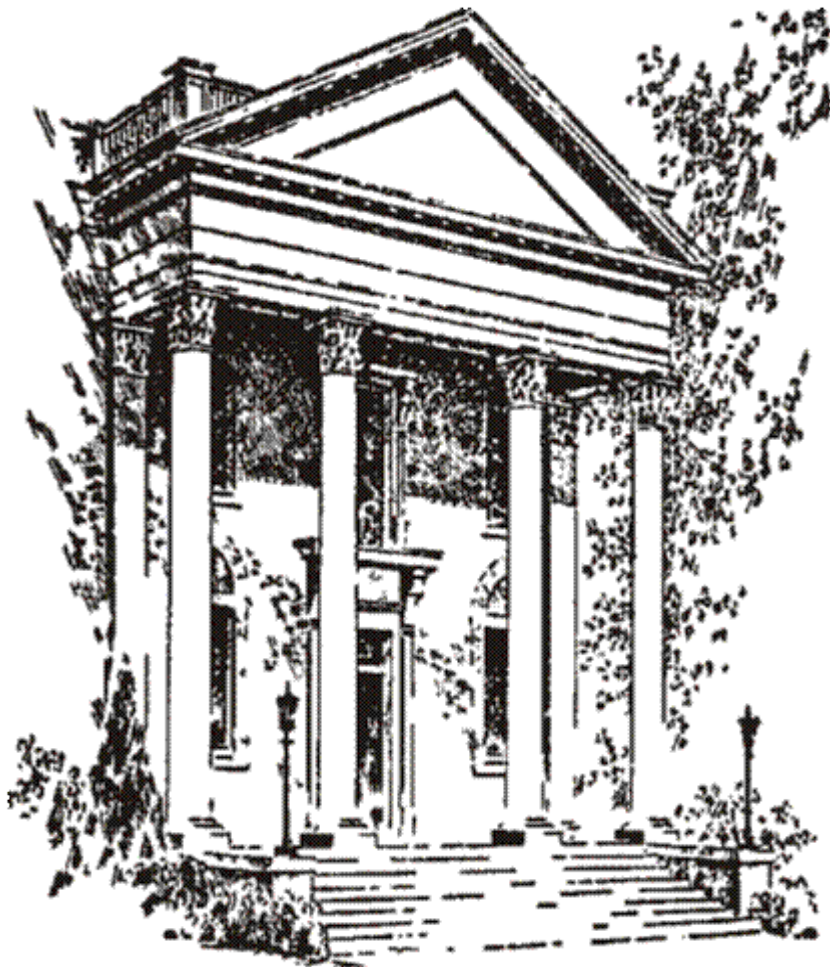




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



October 29, 2017
Reformation Sunday

“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

A Festive Intrada

Cynthia Dobrinsky

Beckley Presbyterian Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive; Psalm 90:1–6)

Bill Hartling

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Many: **In you, we come home— to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.**

We dwell in you.

One: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

Many: **In you, we are home— we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.**

We dwell in you.

* HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress

* CALL TO CONFESSION *(Psalm 90:5-6)*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together; 1 Thessalonians 2:5-6)*

Lord, we confess: we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the good news of your grace;

we relate to others callously as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves;

we seek to please and manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction;

we use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power.

Lord, our motives are mixed and impure.

Lord, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silence is kept.)

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*1Thessalonians2:7; adpt JDB*)

One: Beloved ones, believe again and renew your belief in the Gospel's promise

Many: In Christ, we are accepted as we are.

One: Beloved friends, do you believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a nursing mother cherishing her child.

Many: Yes, and we believe that we are the Church, the body of Christ, called to love one another as gentle children of God.

One: Beloved children, our sins which are many are forgiven.

Many: Alleluia, let us show and let us tell the world of God renewal!

* **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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Original Hymn & Meter - Martin Luther

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Darlene 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 (*Matthew 22:34-46*)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN 610**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-39

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The New Sign”

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...In Joy or in sadness; we do not walk alone.

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

Like As a Father
Beckley Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Cherubini

* **HYMN 708** Vs1

We Give Thee But Thine Own
**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**

Doxology

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*Together; Psalm 90:16-17*)

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you.

May your favor be upon them and prosper the labor of our hands, that your glorious power may be manifest to all, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 687**

Our God Our Help in Ages Past

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE 687** Vs 6

O God Our Help in Ages Past

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G dur BWV 557 Johann Sebastian Bach

We invite you to sit 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 Karen Thomas on our wedding anniversary, November 1st by John Thomas and family.

OUR MUSIC TODAY celebrates the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The choir will sing the *original rhythmic* version of **Ein Feste Burg** - A Mighty Fortress, as Luther himself would have heard it 500 years ago. In the original text, Luther, the often colorful and direct personality writes, "One little word shall fell him [the Devil]" When asked what that word would be, his quick response was "Liar!"

We hear our Handbells and Chancel Choir in other parts of worship bringing us music which reflects the celebrations of the day, and the scripture lessons. Today, our worship concludes with a Præludium by, no doubt, the most famous of the Lutheran Organists and Church Musicians, Johann Bach. Often, at the conclusion of his works, he wrote his dedication *Soli Deo Gloria!* *To God Alone be the Glory!* To this, we add our resounding AMEN!

HYGIENE KITS we are collecting supplies for hygiene kits to be distributed by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The items needed include: towels, washcloths, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, soap-bath size, toothbrushes and band-aids, do not add toothpaste, it will be provided. Seal in a gallon size plastic bag and drop off at the church. Before November 1st.

OUR PRAYERS go out today to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, South Charleston, Salem Presbyterian Church, Ronceverte and Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church, Morgantown in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Ndugamano Church in the Thegenge Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

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 Valarie Hartling for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Bill Hartling Lay Reader, Darlene McNeel Time for Young Disciples Leader, Marie Lewis Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeter Harriet Jones.

ELDERS ON CALL

Oct 29-Nov 04-Bill Hartling

Nov 5-11-Ross Hageman and Ann Worley

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 29

Reformation Sunday

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, October 30

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m.-Session

TUESDAY, October 31

9:00 a.m.-Shepherd's Center

6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts-

Fellowship Hall

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

WEDNESDAY, November 1

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

6:00 p.m.- Kitchen Committee Meeting-
Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, November 2

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m.-Handbells

7:15 p.m.-Choir

FRIDAY, November 3

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

SUNDAY, November 5

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

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Betsy Gilmer
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