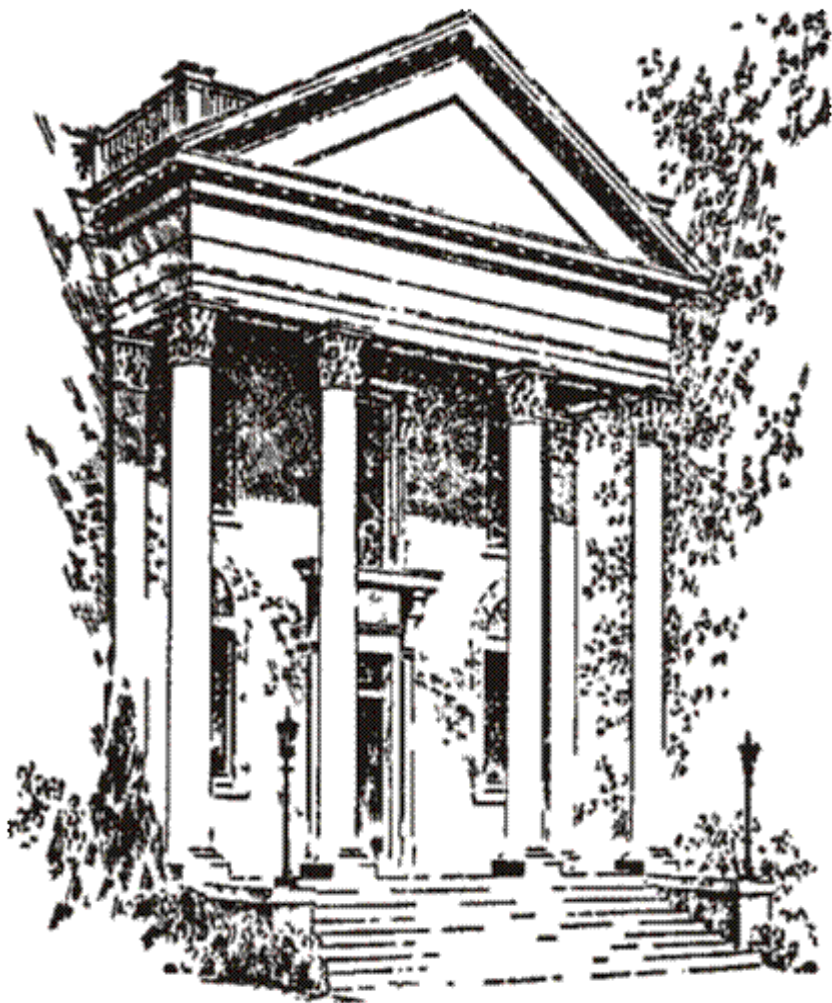




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



September 10, 2017  
14th Sunday After Pentecost

# GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

## ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

**PRELUDE**

*Borning Cry*

David Cherwein

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive; Palm. 149:1, 4, 5*) Marcie Fairlie

One: Praise the Lord!

**Many:** Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,  
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

One: Let the faithful sing for joy.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Together; Psalm 105:5*)

Almighty God, whose ways are far beyond our understanding, help us to trust your judgments so that we may do your will by loving you and one another. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

\* HYMN 233

*The Day of Resurrection*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. 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 (*Responsive: Romans 8:34*)

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:

Who is in a position to condemn?

**Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;  
Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**in Jesus Christ 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.**

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**ANTHEM**                                      *Holy Manna*                                      Kenneth Loenburg

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**                                      Helen Walker

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**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

**Psalm 149** (*Responsive*)

**1 Praise the LORD!**

**Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

**2 Let Israel be glad in its Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

**3 Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.**

**4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with victory.**

<sup>5</sup> Let the faithful exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their couches.  
<sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,  
<sup>7</sup> **to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples,**  
<sup>8</sup> **to bind their kings with fetters  
and their nobles with chains of iron,**  
<sup>9</sup> **to execute on them the judgment decreed.**  
This is glory for all his faithful ones.  
**Praise the LORD!**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

“First Things First....Really?”

## **\* HYMN 442**

*Just As I Am*

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### **REPORT OF YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

**Kedric Branford, Rachel Feldhake, Rachel McNeel and  
Darlene McNeel**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (*Participatory; A time of silence follows each petition.*)

All-knowing God, you know our needs before we name them in  
prayer.

All-caring God, you care enough to hear our prayers anyway, knowing  
that all we truly need is your love.

All-loving God, hear now these prayers that name the needs of your  
people:

We your people need health ... (*illness, surgery, addiction; where healing is a particular need*).

We your people need peace ... (*war, abuse, conflict; where is peace*).

We your people need hope ... (*job loss, divorce, prejudice; where hope is a particular need*).

We your people need blessing ... (*marriage, birth, new beginnings; where blessing is a particular need*).

Your whole creation needs your powerful presence.

All-powerful God, the need is so great; we rejoice that you are greater.

*(Together)* **Hear these prayers and other prayers offered in silence always in the name of a God who loves us all. 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**                      *Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow*                      Robert Hobby

\* **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; Matthew 18:20*)

Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in his name, be among us now that these offerings may become instruments of your love, your peace, and your justice. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

\* **HYMN 366**    *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

**POSTLUDE**                      *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*                      Robert Hobby

## 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 Effie and Floyd McElmurray by Martha Rucker.

**OPEN FLOWER DATES** there are open flower dates in October, if you would like to put flowers in the church please contact Besty Gilmer [@betsygilmer@yahoo.com](mailto:@betsygilmer@yahoo.com) or (304)253-8923.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** With the start of the new Sunday School year, the Ministry on Christian Education is looking for folks who would be willing to help in the Nursery with Roberta and other folks who might be interested in doing Time With Young Disciples on Sunday morning. We really need some help, so this call is going out. Please call or email me if you are interested in helping out with our youngest disciples! Thank you! Ann Worley, Moderator, Christian Education. (304) 256-0325 or [councilwoman2@yahoo.com](mailto:councilwoman2@yahoo.com)

**RALLY DAY AND FELLOWSHIP LUNCH** The Ministries of Church Growth and Service and Christian Education will join forces today by hosting a lunch after the church service. We will not only be celebrating the start of our Sunday School year, but will be viewing a presentation by our youth who participated with Old Stone Church on a mission trip to New Orleans back in July. Please stay and join us.

**PRESBYTERY DISASTER RELIEF** to send supplies check out <https://www.nvoad.org/hurricane-harvey/hurricane-harveyhow-to-help/>. They will know what is needed, when, where and why. To Donate money send a check to Presbytery of WV, 520 2nd Ave, South Charleston, WV 25303 write "for flood relief" in the memo. You can also volunteer in WV by calling WVMAW (304)846-2294.

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

**OUR PRAYERS** go out to these churches today: Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Elkins and the Highlawn Presbyterian Church, Huntington, in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Thegenge Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

**OUR THANKS** to for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Marcie Fairlie Lay Reader, Helen Walker Time for Young Disciples Leader, Marie Lewis Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeter Julia Mollohan.

## ELDERS ON CALL

Sept 10-16—Dreama Davis and Charles McNeel

Sept 17-23—Mac Tieche and Mary Calvert

**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, September 10**

*Rally Day*

10:55 a.m. - Worship

12:00 p.m.-Fellowship Lunch-  
Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

### **MONDAY, September 11**

*Office Closing at Noon*

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **TUESDAY, September 12**

*Office Closing at Noon*

6:30 p.m.-Ministry of Worship  
Witherspoon Room

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

### **WEDNESDAY, September 13**

*Office Closing at Noon*

11:00 p.m. -The Carpenter's Corner

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

### **THURSDAY, September 14**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m.-Handbells

7:15 p.m.-Choir

### **FRIDAY, September 15**

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

*Wedding Rehearsal*

### **SATURDAY, September 16**

Turschmann Wedding

### **SUNDAY, September 17**

*Cents-Ability and Food for Helping Hands*

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship-Installation and  
Ordination of Elders

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

