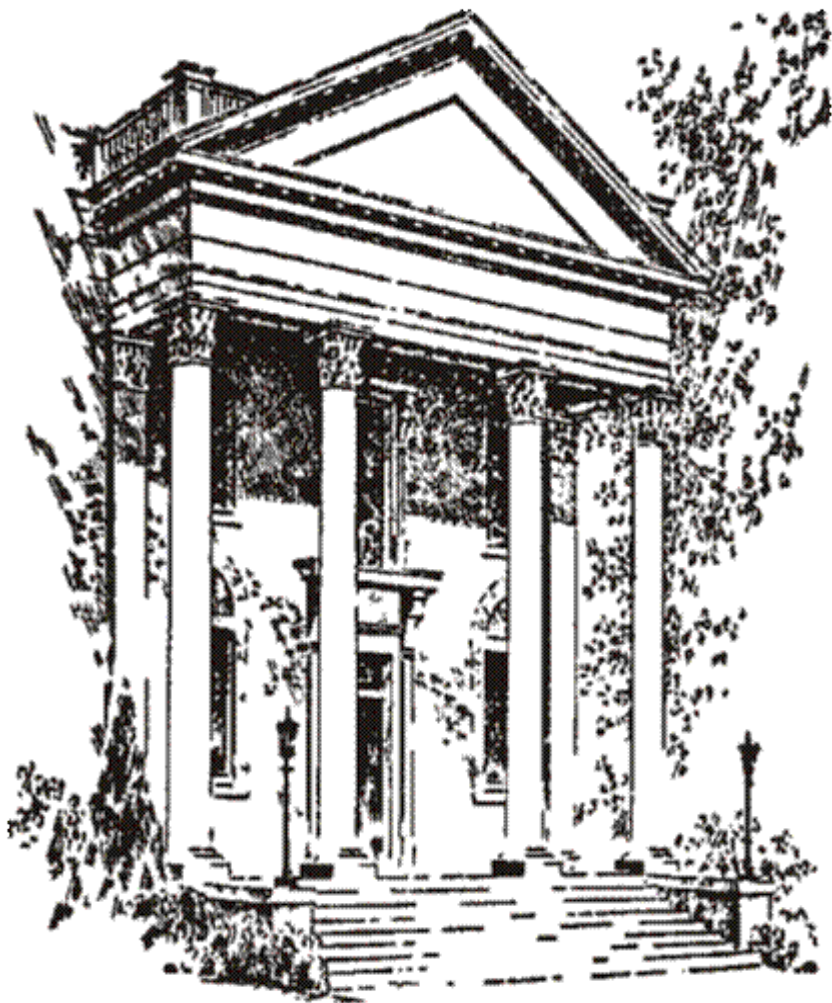




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



September 3, 2017
13th Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* Charles Calahan

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive; Exodus 3:15; Psalm 105:3-4, 5*) *Dan Calvert*

One: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

Many: Praise the Lord!

One: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Many: Let us worship God!

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

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully. Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

* **HYMN 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together; Mathew. 16:23-26*)

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things.

Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need.
Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers.

Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation.

Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, or it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. 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.

* **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (*Responsive; Mathew. 16:24–26*)
One: Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that our sin is forgiven, and that God is with us. We can be at peace.

Many: In Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the living God!

* **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 *Lift High the Cross* Donald Busarow

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Pastor Jim

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 (*Together*)

Creator God — who called light into darkness — illumine our minds to receive your Word. Open our ears to hear and eyes to see the Truth of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** HYMN 205**

Ubi Caritas

(repeat mantra - choir verses will be sung at the same time)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Radical Living”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*** STATEMENT OF FAITH** *“The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional; Together)*

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Participatory; Exodus 3:7; A time of silence follows each petition.)*

Listening God, you heard the prayers of the Israelites.

Hear now these prayers of these your people, both spoken and silent:

For peace where there is conflict . . .

For food where there is hunger . . .

For hope where there is despair . . .

For health where there is sickness . . .

For faith where there is fear . . .

For life where there is death . . .

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 Bob and Betty McLean and Jennie McLean Anderson by the McLean Clan.

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

RALLY DAY AND FELLOWSHIP LUNCH The Ministries of Church Growth and Service and Christian Education will join forces on Rally Day, September 10, 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. For lunch on that day, we will be serving Pepperoni Rolls. This will be a fun filled lunch and YOU can play a part by bringing your favorite salad! The youth will be in charge of the dessert!

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 WVMW (304)846-2294.

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

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: Beechwood Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg, Bradley Presbyterian Church, Centerville Presbyterian Church, Greenville in the Presbytery of West Virginia; St. Cuthbert's Church in the Rware Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Peggy White for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Danny Calvert Lay Reader, Pastor Jim Time for Young Disciples Leader, Robin Feldhake Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeters Valarie Hartling.

ELDERS ON CALL

Aug 27-Sept 02 — Ross Hageman and Al Combs

Sept 3-9—Dan Calvert and Peggy White

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 3

10:55 a.m. - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, September 4

Office Closed

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, September 5

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

WEDNESDAY, September 6

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

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

3:15 p.m.— Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, September 7

Office Closed at 12:00

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m.-Handbells

7:15 p.m.-Choir

FRIDAY, September 8

Office Closed at 12:00

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

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

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