



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



December 10, 2017
2nd Sunday of Advent

“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

*If you are able, please stand for items marked **
Portions in bold type are for congregational participation.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE GATHER AND CONFESS

PRELUDE *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* Malcolm Archer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Kevin & Kim Smith
& Family

Response with Cantor - O Antiphon
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Unison prayer; Lighting the 2nd Advent Candle, the Candle of Peace)

Let us pray together **O God, Advent Season tells us to stay awake and wait for your coming, This candle of Peace stretches us past hoping and pushes us to hold fast. This candle of Peace nudges us and we realize just how close to us you really want to be. You want to be birthed in our hearts. Let this peace surpasses common understanding but let the flickering flame within our hearts bring peace to us and those that we meet. Let Peace be the thirst-quenching reality of our relationship with You and with one another. Amen.**

* **HYMN 83** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (*2 Peter 3:9b; Psalm 85:9*) Ellen Combs

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together; Psalm 85:2*)
Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness.
We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace.

We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love.

Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. 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** (*Psalm 85:2, 8-9; Psalm 75:5, 6 adapt*)

Brothers and sisters,
by the mercy of Christ, your sins are forgiven,
for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God.

(Water is poured into the Font for the Baptism)

O God let the water flow into this font as your forgiveness flows down and covers the repentant. Show your presence and love this day through the waters of Baptism. Bless not just the water but bless the people who will gather around and the child presented here. Allow you Spirit to dance in every heart. Amen.

* **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 *I Hear the Prophet Callin'* Pepper Choplin
Charles McNeel - Tenor Soloist

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Ann Worley

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*) Page 35

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Psalm 85:8; Isaiah 40:8*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:1-11 Page 667
Psalm 85:1-2; 8-13 Page 543

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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SERMON

“Waiting”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

Youth Fundraiser Meal

PASTORS PRAYER

For Separated Families

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *(Psalm 85:12-13)*

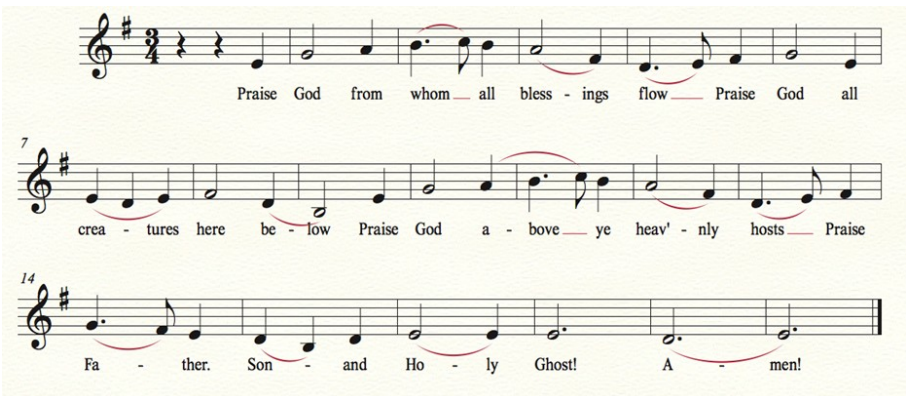
OFFERING

Offertory

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

Malcolm Archer

DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all
 7 crea - tures here be - low Praise God a - bove ye heav' - nly hosts Praise
 14 Fa - ther, Son - and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men!

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(Together; Psalm 85.10)*

Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ your steadfast love and faithfulness have met and your righteousness and peace have kissed. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation. Amen.

* **HYMN 482**

Baptized in Water

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(Insert)*

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 87**

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN 96** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

At this time Pastor Jim will be at the Baptism Font with oil for healing, anointing or personal prayer.

GO IN PEACE!

THE POINSETTIAS
in the sanctuary are placed this morning
To the Glory of God and

In Celebration

*Wishing a joyous holiday season to all our friends and family at Beckley
Presbyterian Church by Dan and Mary Calvert
The Christmas Season by Jerry and Margaret Ann Bays
The Birth of Christ Jesus and the Beautiful Christmas Season
by Marcia Fairlie*

In Honor of

*Our Grandchildren Trip, Millie, and Tucker by Rich and Nancy Kissinger
Dolly Johnson and Mary Stevenson by Leslie and Lena Cox
Two special ladies at the Beckley Presbyterian Church, Helen Walker and
Lynne Clowers by Brenda Meadows.
The A Team at Carpenter's Corner, Billie Green, Betsy Gilmer, Debbie
Goodson, Vickie Hancock, Denis Moore, Melinda and Mac Tieche and
Brenda Wally by Scott and Cindy Worley
Those who Minister in Music by Tim Waugh*

In Loving Memory of

*Our Parents Roy McGill, Mary Jo and Presley Smith
by Terry and Cheryl McGill
Our Parents Tom Elkin, Peggy and Ronnie Hughes, Steve and Wilma Sotak
by Dave and Nancy Sotak
Cookie Sotak Zorich by Dave and Nancy Sotak
Roderic Branford by Kedric Branford
Cam and Odessa Lewis, Cam and Susan Lewis by the Lewis Family
Cam Lewis by Marie Lewis
Albert Tieche, David Tieche, Doug Gilmer, Rich Bland and Jim Bland
by Mac Tieche and Melinda Bland-Tieche
Their Brother Mike Martin who loved the holiday season
by Scott and Cindy Worley
Hazel Magee and Walter Klingensmith by Leslie and Lena Cox
Tom Bailey Jr. by Toni Bailey
Clyde and Mary Cape Smith by Clyde and Cathy Smith
Mancel and Evelyn Smith by Clyde and Cathy Smith
My husband Walt Klingensmith by Betty Klingensmith
Dan Stevenson Velma Boblett, my parents and brothers and sisters
by Nancy Estep
Our Parents Freda Wilgus and Neil and Brenda Kissinger
by Rich and Nancy Kissinger*

ELDERS ON CALL

Dec 10-16—Drema Davis and Mac Tieche
17-23-Dave Sotak and Nancy Kissinger

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.

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.

HO! HO! HO! Are you looking for a little gift for a special someone. We have a nicely bound collection of Beckley Presbyterian Church recipes for you! They are \$20.00 and available in the church office. Get your copy or a copy as a gift today!

HELPING HANDS for the month we are going to be collecting Toilet Paper. We will be taking it up all Sunday's in December in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

YOUTH LUNCHEON and silent action will be on Sunday, December 17th, following church to raise money for next years mission trip. Lunch provided and donations greatly appreciated.

ADOPT-A-CHILD we are taking up monetary donations for children at the Raleigh County Headstart this year. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be placed in the offering plate.

OUR PRAYERS go out today to Summerlee Presbyteria Church, First Presbyterian Church, Nitro and First Presbyterian Church, Williamstown in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Philip Nganatha Church in the Wandumbi Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Betty Klingensmith for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Ellen Combs Lay Reader, to Helen Walker Time for Young Disciples Leader, Nancy Kissinger Nursery Assistant, to this week's greeter Judy Harrah.

STAFF

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See above for Staff Extensions		Website		www.beckleypres.org

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship/Baptism

5:45 p.m.-Bells

6:10 p.m.-Choir

7:00 p.m.-White Christmas

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

THURSDAY, December 14

Pastor out of town

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

6:00 p.m.-Handbells

7:15 p.m.-Choir

FRIDAY, December 15

Pastor out of town

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

MONDAY, December 11

Pastor out of town

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, December 12

Pastor out of town

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

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

SUNDAY, December 17

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m.-Worship

12:00 p.m.-Youth Luncheon and Silent
Auction-Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

WEDNESDAY, December 13

Pastor out of town

11:00 a.m.-The Carpenter' Corner

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg