



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



December 17, 2017
3rd 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 *Blessed Be That Maide Marie* Olive Nelson Russell

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Robin & Peggy Debnam

Response with Cantor—*O Antiphon*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

(Unison prayer, Lighting the 3rd Advent Candle, the Candle of Joy)

Let us pray together . . . **Holy Lord, let us look with joyful anticipation toward the birth of Jesus. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to do the spiritual exercises needed to offer Jesus to the world in which we live. In this season, help us to loosen the things that tie us to the superfluous, rather let us find ourselves in you. For the sake of Christ Jesus, we pray, Amen.**

* **HYMN 129** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (*Psalm 126:1, 4*) Nelle Calvert

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together; 1 Thessalonians 5:19, 20, 22; John 3:19, Isaiah 61:11*)

Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil?

You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us?

You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself; why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you?

You have sent the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light?

Forgive us. Restore us.

Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose 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.**

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS and LOVE** (*Psalm 126:3,6*
adpt JDB)

**In Jesus Christ, the Lord has done great things for us!
Even if we have gone out in tears, God brings us home
shouting for joy. Thanks be to God: we are loved and forgiven.
God is with us!**

* **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 *Magnificat* James Chepponis

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Kedric & Luke

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Page 691
Psalm 126 Page 572

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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SERMON

“Looking for the light of Joy”-Two Babies”

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* **STATEMENT OF FAITH** “The Nicene Creed” (*Responsive*)

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

Youth Fundraiser Meal

PASTORS PRAYER for Orphanages and Children’s homes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

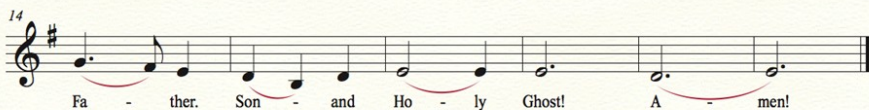
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew. At this time you may also fill out the Encouragement Cards located in the back of the pews and place them in the collection plate.

Offertory

A Virgin Unspotted

Olive Nelson Russell

DOXOLOGY



- * **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*Together; 1 Thessalonians 5:18. 23b*)
Gracious God, teach us to give thanks in all circumstances, for you are always with us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing what we have with others, of giving ourselves away in love, and of receiving the gifts that others share with us. With our whole being, spirit and soul and body, we rejoice in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

- * **HYMN 99** *My Soul Gives Glory to My God*
- * **CHARGE AND BLESSING**
- * **CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN 102** *Savior of the Nations, Come*

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 3-9—Ross Hageman and Betsy Gilmer

Dec 10-16—Drema Davis and Mac Tieche

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! We have a nicely bound collection of Beckley Presbyterian Church recipes for you! They are \$20.00 and available in the church office.

YOUTH LUNCHEON and silent action will be today following church to raise money for next years mission trip. Lunch provided and donations greatly appreciated.

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE will be on Wednesday, December 20th at 7 p.m. for those who feel loss or heavy with burden come and lift them up and find peace during the season.

HELPING HANDS we are going to be collecting Toilet Paper during December in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

OUR PRAYERS go out today to First Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, Highlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans and First Presbyterian Church, Whitesville in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Wandumbi Special School in the Wandumbi Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Karen Reed for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Nelle Calvert Lay Reader, to Kedric Branford and Luke Feldhake Time for Young Disciples Leaders, Robin Feldhake Nursery Assistant, to this week's greeter Nancy Estep.

STAFF

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 17

3rd Sunday of Advent
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

MONDAY, December 18

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, December 19

6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, December 20

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg
6:00 p.m.-Handbells
7:00 p.m.-Longest Night Service
8:15 p.m.-Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 21

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

FRIDAY, December 22

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

SUNDAY, December 24

4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
10:55 a.m.-Worship/Holy Communion
6:00 p.m.-Choir and Bells
7:00 p.m. Evening Service/Holy
Communion-Intinction
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio