



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



December 31, 2017  
1st Sunday after Christmas Day

*"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."*

# EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS

December 31, 2017  
Beckley Presbyterian Church

## PRELUDE

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*  
Dietrich Buxtehude

## WELCOME

### First Lesson

John 1 verses 1-14

Choral Introit – *Of the Father's Love Begotten* – Hymnal 108

Procession – *O Come All Ye Faithful* - Hymnal 133

Verse 1 – All

Verse 2 – All

Verse 3- Choir

Verse 4 – All

### Prayer

Brothers and Sisters, we are gathered to celebrate with joy the appearance of God's glory in the world through the birth of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us; to reflect upon the visit of the Magi bringing homage to their King at His birth; and to hear the prophetic words of Anna and Simeon revealing the Christ Child as a light to illumine all people.

As we rejoice in this, the Word made flesh, who called us out of darkness into light, so we pray that His love and faithfulness may be known in all the world.

**We pray for the unity and mission of Christ's Church, and for all who minister the Gospel of Christ.**

**We pray for the world, that we may have reverence for the natural order and respect for every person, made in the image and likeness of God.**

**We pray for those who stand in need, for the lonely, the fearful,  
the sick, and the bereaved, and for all who have  
no one to pray for them.**

May God our Father take us in his service; may He open our eyes to see  
His glory and equip us to bless His people, now and at all times.

**AMEN**

Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as  
our Savior has taught us:

**Our Father...**

Arise! Shine! For your light has come  
**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

**Second Lesson**

(Children's Time)

Matthew 1 verses 18-23

*This is the Word of the Lord*    **Thanks be to God**

Carol – *Away in a Manger* – Hymnal 114/115

(Seated)

Verse 1 – All

Verse 2 – Choir

Verse 3 - all

**Third Lesson**

Luke 2 verses 8-20

*This is the Word of the Lord*    **Thanks be to God**

Carol - *Angels We have heard on High* - Hymnal 113

(seated)

**Fourth Lesson**

Matthew 2 verses 1-12

*This is the Word of the Lord*    **Thanks be to God**

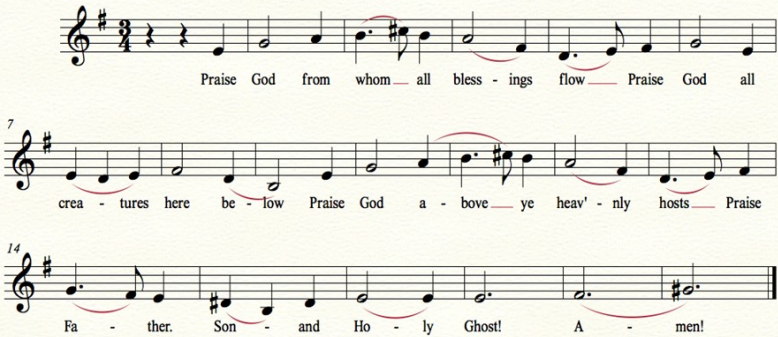
Carol – *We Three Kings* – Hymnal 151  
(standing)  
Verse 1 & 5 -All  
Verse 2, 3, & 4 – Men - All on the refrain

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The Offering  
Offertory – *Greensleeves* – Ralph Vaughan Williams

## DOXOLOGY

### Christmas Doxology



Musical notation for the Christmas Doxology, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow — Praise God all crea - tures here be - low Praise God a - bove — ye heav' - nly hosts — Praise Fa - ther, Son - and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men!" The notation includes various note values, rests, and phrasing slurs.

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### The Offertory Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh, and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, and in the world may reflect his glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Fifth Lesson

Matthew 2 verses 13-18

*This is the Word of the Lord*    **Thanks be to God**

Carol Anthem - *Carol from Coventry* – Choir

**Sixth Lesson**

Luke 2 verses 21-32

*This is the Word of the Lord*    **Thanks be to God**

*Nunc Dimittis – Song of Simeon*

Carol - *Lord, Bid your servant Go in Peace* – Hymnal 545  
(Standing)

**BENEDICTION**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation  
of our God. Alleluia!

**SHOUT TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH!**

With joy let us pray to our Savior,  
the Son of God who became one of us, saying:

**THE GRACE OF GOD BE WITH US ALL**

O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place  
where the Word of life is not yet received.

Draw the whole creation to yourself  
that your salvation may be known through  
all the earth.

**THE GRACE OF GOD BE WITH US ALL**

O Christ, Savior and Lord,  
extend your church to every place.  
Make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.

**THE GRACE OF GOD BE WITH US ALL**

O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and thoughts of the leaders  
of nations that they may seek justice, and further peace  
and freedom for all.

## **THE GRACE OF GOD BE WITH US ALL**

O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

## **THE GRACE OF GOD BE WITH US ALL**

O Christ, light made manifest as the true light of God, gladden our hearts on the joyful morning of your glory; call us by our name on the great Day of your coming; and give us grace to offer, with all the hosts of heaven, unending praise to God in whom all things find their ending, now and ever.

**AMEN**

Recessional Carol - *Joy to the World* - Hymnal 134

## **POSTLUDE**

*I Saw Three Ships*

Richard Elliott

## **ELDERS ON CALL**

Dec 31-Jan 6 Betsy Gilmer and Charles McNeel

**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 en-**

## **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.

**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.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out today to Bridgeport Presbyterian Church and Belle Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Gatum-biro Church in the Wandumbi Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

# CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY, December 31**

1st Sunday after Christmas  
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:55 a.m.-Lessons & Carols  
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

## **MONDAY, January 1**

*Office Closed*  
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

## **TUESDAY, January 2**

*Office Closed*  
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

## **WEDNESDAY, January 3**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

## **THURSDAY, January 4**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

## **FRIDAY, January 5**

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

## **SUNDAY, January 7**

Baptism of the Lord  
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:55 a.m.-Worship with Holy  
Communion  
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

## **WHEN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS IS STILLED**

by Howard Thurman

When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled  
When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

Let us do this together at the Beckley Presbyterian Church

.... The work of Christmas!