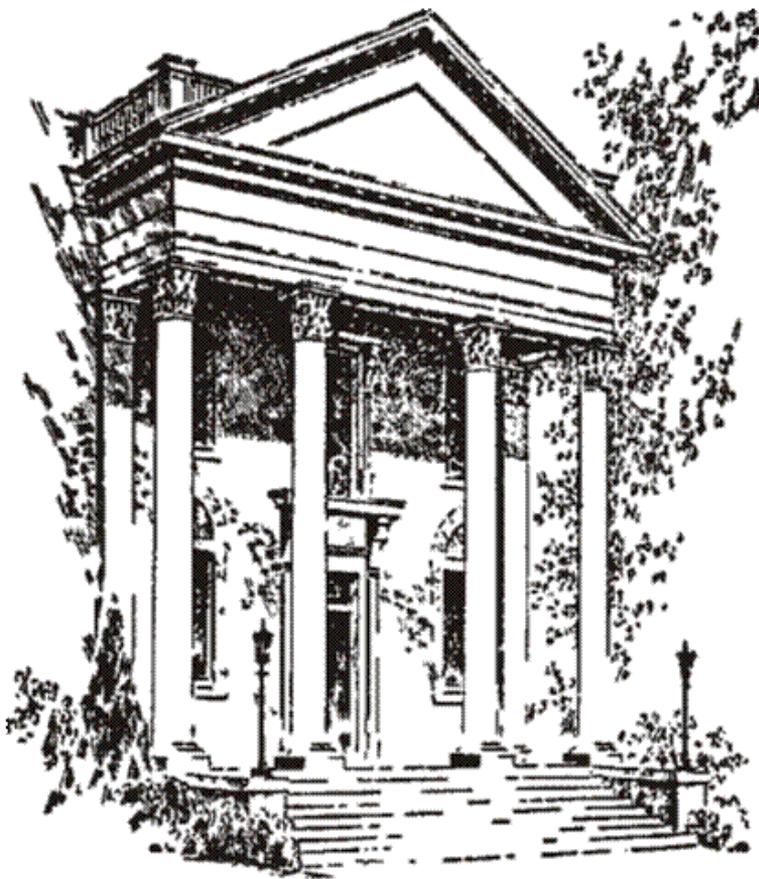




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



November 19, 2017
24rd Sunday after Pentecost

"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

Holy Manna

Phillip Young

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive; 1 Thessalonians. 5:8*) Nancy Kissinger

Clothe yourselves with faith and love; be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

The Lord is with us! Let us worship God.

* HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

* CALL TO CONFESSION (*1 Thessalonians 5:9–10 adapted JDB*)

God has not destined us for wrath, but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us.

Confident in God's mercies, let us confess our sin.

Yes, let us have faith and believe God's promises to us!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together; Psalm 123:1–4*)

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will.

When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance.

When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws.

Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Rumors”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* **AFFIRMATION** “The Apostles’ Creed” *(Together; Traditional)*

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

* **Hymn of Dedication 367** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* *(During the hymn, you are invited to bring your pledge commitment card forward and place it in the offering plate.)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Matthew 25:21; Responsive)*

Let us pray for the needs of the world, responding with God of grace,
(people respond) **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you welcome us into your joy and entrust us with your gospel. In hope for the world to come and with love for the world you made, we offer our prayers for your church, your earth, and your people. For your church, in this community and around the world, that your good news may be proclaimed to all . . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For oppressors, that they might know justice, and those oppressed, that they might know peace . . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For your creation, that we may be the caretakers you intend . . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the young, that they might be nurtured in love . . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the old, that they might be secure in your care . . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those who fight the demons of addiction, that they might find relief . . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those who face an early death and those they leave behind, that they might be comforted . . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who care for the suffering and those in their charge, that they would be freed from pain and fear . . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all of those about whom we worry and those whose troubles are known only to you . . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All this we pray with gratitude for your eternal love and extravagant grace; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (*Matthew 25:14-15*)

OFFERING

Offertory *Always Rejoicing* Robert Lowry

* **HYMN 708** Vs 1 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* Doxology
We give thee but thine own,
What-ever the gift may be;
All that we have is thine a-lone,
A trust, O lord, from thee. Amen

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*Together*)

For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth. We are ever so thankful until that day that you dwell within us; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 630** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *Bless This House* Joseph Martin
BPC Chancel Choir

We invite you to sit and listen to the Postlude before you leave worship

GO IN PEACE!

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.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our father William Rucker, by Bill, Cindy, Cathy and Carol, and in loving memory of our Papa by his 10 grandchildren, and in loving memory of Betty Johnson by her loving daughter Pat Rucker.

THANKSGIVING DINNER - to be held today **November 19, 2017** immediately following worship in Friendship Hall.

POINSETTIA order forms are available in the back of the Sanctuary. The deadline to order poinsettias will be **today, November 19th**. Please return your completed order forms and payment to the church office.

THE MUSIC TODAY is a collection of music presented by our Chancel Choir and their families (adopted and coerce counts!) It's a time to say THANKS to our musicians and their families for supporting them in this valuable church ministry. Listen closely for reminders to make good use of our talents!

COOKIES AFTER THE PARADE is upon us again, **Saturday, December 2nd**. We need cookies, cookies and more cookies. Please let Drema Davis, (304)228-4778, know if you can make some. Cookies, four dozen each, are needed delivered to the church by **Friday, December 1st**. There will also be a sign up sheet at the sanctuary entrance this Sunday. There **will not** be music after the parade.

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING will be taken up today.

HANGING OF THE GREENS has been changed and will now be **Tuesday, November 28th**. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and decorating will take place afterwards. So come join us for a little work and a lot of fun!

OUR PRAYERS go out today to First Presbyterian Church, Hinton, and to Kuhn Memorial Presbyterian Church, Barboursville in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Kagio-ini Church in the Wandumbi Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Nancy Kissinger Lay Reader, to Nancy Hageman Time for Young Disciples Leader, Debbie DiGiulian Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeter Harriet Jones.

ELDERS ON CALL

Nov 19-25 –Charles McNeel and Nancy Kissinger

Nov 26-Dec 2-Mary Calvert and Dan 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. 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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, November 19

Family Choir Sunday

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Cents-Ability and Food for Helping Hands

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

12:00 p.m.-Thanksgiving Luncheon

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, November 20

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, November 21

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

4:30 p.m.-Ministry of Admin Mtg-
Witherspoon Room

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

WEDNESDAY, November 22

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

THURSDAY, November 23

Office Closed

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

FRIDAY, November 24

Office Closed

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

SUNDAY, November 26

Christ The King Sunday

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship and Holy
Communion

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

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Charles McNeel
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Bill Hartling
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Mac Tieche

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Al Combs
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Drema Davis
Mary Calvert
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Patricia A. Lester, Clerk of Session

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