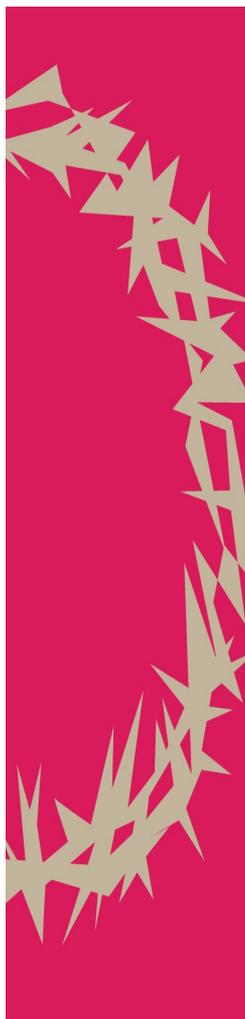




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



*Fourth*  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

**March 11, 2018**

**4th Sunday in Lent**

**Gifts of Women Sunday**

*"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

## INTERIM INFORMATION

## WE GATHER AND CONFESS

### PRELUDE

*Aria for Handbells*

Dale Wood

*Via Dolorosa - The Way of the Cross*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Marie Lewis

Leader: We gather to worship God, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: We gather to worship God, for God has called us, God's own people, and has given us gifts to be a faithful people.

**All: We remember that God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let us now offer worthy worship to God,

**All: whose steadfast love endures forever.**

### \* HYMN 401

*Here in This Place*

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Loving and merciful God, you have searched us and known us and still you love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love but we are reluctant leaders or we lead with only rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds and renewed commitment to follow you and to help lead others to you. In the saving grace of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen. (silent confession)

### \* 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** (*Responsive*)

.....Friends, in Christ we are forgiven and loved

**All: Thanks be to 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.

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**                      *from THE CRUCIFIXION*                      Sir John Stainer

*Recitative* ...and as Moses lifted up the serpent

*Chorus*                      *God So Loved the World*

Charles McNeel - Tenor

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Darlene McNeel

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 (Unison)

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

.....We Pray in Jesus' name **All: Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Joshua 2:1-24

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\* **HYMN (insert)**

*God of the Women*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Ephesians 4:1-6

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"Imperfect, But Called Anyway"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* **AFFIRMATION** "The Brief Statement of Faith" (*Together*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Amen.\***

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Leader:** Loving God, we thank you for mothers and fathers who lovingly raised and are raising their children and teaching them to be kind and thoughtful people. We thank you for the times they teach children how to work through difficult times, remembering they are always loved.

**All:** We thank you for teachers and pastors who challenged us to explore meaningful ways to be servant leaders serving with compassion and a sense of justice, with openness to all your people.

**Leader:** We thank you for strangers who do not look like us or sound like us, but serve as examples and role models as they lead and interact with others in tender, loving and caring ways.

**All:** We thank you for children and youth who are curious and searching and invite us to join them on their journeys. We are grateful that they remind us of the importance of play and not taking ourselves too seriously.



## 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 Cotton and Margaret McLean, Bob and Betty McLean, Jennie McLean Anderson and Lola Lilly by the McLean Clan.

**WELCOME** - We are pleased to welcome Ms. Barbara Chalfant back to our pulpit today. Barbara is the Associate for Mission for the Presbytery of WV responsible for the areas of Older Adult Ministry, Hunger Action, Social Justice, Peacemaking and Disaster needs. She is a Certified Educator and has served congregations in DC, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Virginia. She is originally from Charlottesville, VA.

**EASTER FLOWERS** - Order forms for Easter Flowers are available in the Narthex. Please return your completed order form to the church office by **Sunday, March 25, 2018**.

**NOMINATION FORMS** for the Session Class of 2020-2021 and a list of active confirmed members are available in the Narthex. All forms should be returned by Sunday, April 8, 2018.

**THE SERVICE MUSIC** as well as the Anthem all come from the English Church Music Tradition. Although Stainer preceded Howells by a half-century, their music reflects the church traditions and sounds known well in England. You're encouraged to look up the representative Psalm Verses Both Howells and Stainer wrote extended works, of which we excerpt **The Crucifixion** and **Psalms 23** for today's service. In their complete forms, they are quite lengthy!

The Postlude-**Psalm 34** -*will be played in its entirety, lasting more than 7 minutes*

You're certainly welcome to remain or come down to the front area of the church, or depart at any time in prayer and peace.

**FORTE HANDBELL CONCERT** will be held at the church on **Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.** Please come and enjoy this Quartet of Colorado Springs, CO. it is sure to be a wonderful evening.

**ORGAN RECITAL** - Dr. Kipp Cortez will be playing a recital here at Beckley Presbyterian Church on **Tuesday, March 20 at 7 pm** in celebration of the 333rd birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach! There will be a reception in Friendship Hall following the concert.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out to these churches today: Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Welch and Edgewood Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Kagwathi Church ; Giakanja Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

**OUR THANKS** to Marie Lewis for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Marie Lewis Lay Reader , Darlene McNeel Time for Young Disciples Leader , Rachel McNeel Nursery Assistant , and to this week's greeters Scott and Robin VanMeter.

## ELDERS ON CALL

**Mar 11-17-**Mac Tieche and Betsy Gilmer

**Mar 18-24-**Rachel McNeel 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.

**NURSERY CARE** is provided in the Educational Building from 9:30 a.m. to noon for newborn to age 5.

**FELLOWSHIP** and refreshments are available in the Witherspoon Room during the Sunday School hour.

**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, MARCH 11**

*4th Sunday in Lent*

*Celebrate the Gifts of Women*

*Daylight Saving time begins*

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

7 p.m. - Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

### **MONDAY, MARCH 12**

*Pastor Out of Town*

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:30 p.m.-Ministry of Worship-  
Witherspoon Room

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 13**

*Pastor Out of Town*

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

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

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14**

*Pastor Out of Town*

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

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

7:00 p.m.-Forte Handbell Concert

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 15**

*Pastor Out of Town*

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m. - Handbells

7:15 p.m. - Choir

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 16**

*Pastor Out of Town*

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

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 17**

10:00 a.m.-Quilting Circle Meeting

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 18**

*5th Sunday in Lent*

*Food for Helping Hands*

*Cents-Ability Offering*

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

12:00 p.m.-Ministry of Christian Ed-  
Witherspoon Room

7 p.m. - Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

## STAFF

The Reverend Jim Burton, Pastor, Ext. 6  
Toni Mullins, Admin. Assist./Treasurer, Ext 3  
Tim Waugh, Artist-In-Residence  
Jeff Harris, Sexton  
Roberta Brock, Nursery Supervisor  
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Friday	Closed		

### Treasurer's Hours

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See above for Staff Extensions		Website	<a href="http://www.beckleypre.org">www.beckleypre.org</a>

## SESSION

### Class of 2017-2018

Dan Calvert  
Ross Hageman  
Nancy Kissinger  
Charles McNeel  
Ann Worley

### Class of 2018-2019

Nancy Cameron  
Bill Hartling  
Karen Reed  
Clyde Smith  
Mac Tieche

### Class of 2019-2020

Al Combs  
Betsy Gilmer  
Drema Davis  
Mary Calvert  
David Sotak  
Youth Representative  
Rachel McNeel  
(one year term)

The Reverend Jim Burton, Moderator  
Dan Calvert, acting Clerk of Session

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