



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.

Leader: God, we also pray this day for those who do not lead with love. We pray for those who lead with a hardness of heart that shows disregard and disrespect for the human family and their welfare.

People: Give all leaders hearts of love and the desire to do better and be better. Grant them forgiveness and a commitment to be among those who lead with love, purpose and compassion. Be with all your people, loving God, this day and in the days to come. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE 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.

OFFERING

Offertory Psalm 42. Verse 1 [Excerpt] Herbert Howells

- * **HYMN 606** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

- * **HYMN 727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

- * **CHORAL RESPONSE** Hymn 194 *When Jesus Wept* Billings

POSTLUDE Psalm 34. Verse 6 [Full] Herbert Howells

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

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
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Treasurer's Hours

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SESSION

Class of 2017-2018

Dan Calvert
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Charles McNeel
Ann Worley

Class of 2018-2019

Nancy Cameron
Bill Hartling
Karen Reed
Clyde Smith
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Class of 2019-2020

Al Combs
Betsy Gilmer
Drema Davis
Mary Calvert
David Sotak
Youth Representative
Rachel McNeel
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The Reverend Jim Burton, Moderator
Dan Calvert, acting Clerk of Session

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY BECKLEY PRESBYTERIAN

Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan in Bangladesh