



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



*Fifth*  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

March 18, 2018  
5th Sunday of Lent

*"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**      *Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund*      JS Bach. BWV 621

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive; John 12:32*)      Charles McNeel

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself.

**Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens  
and forgives our sins.**

Let us pray together (*Jeremiah 31:33; John 12:32*)

**Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the  
suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the  
way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion  
of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he  
draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world.  
Amen.**

\* **HYMN 264**

*At the Name of Jesus*

\* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (*Pastor Burton on "Praying the Psalms"*)

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together; Psalm 51*)

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin. (*Silence*)
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me. (*Silence*)

- 6 You desire truth in the inward being;\*  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities. *(Silence)*
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right\* spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing\* spirit. *(Silence)*

\* 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)*

Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**We will delight in the joy of your salvation. Thanks be to you,  
O 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.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**ANTHEM** *Take My Mother Home* Gilbert Martin & Larry Pugh

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Jennifer Blankenship

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)*

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,\* says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

**\* HYMN 223**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Hebrews 5:5-10

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John 12:20-33

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

**SERMON**

“Famous Exits”

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\* STATEMENT OF FAITH** “The Apostles’ Creed” (*Together*) Page 35

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION**

**PASTORS PRAYER**

Justice Advocacy

**PRAYERS OF PEOPLE** (*Responsive; Heb. 5:7, 9; Psalm 51 Adapt JDB*)

During the final days of his earthly life, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears, and in faithful obedience, he opened the way to eternal salvation. Let us open our hearts this day as we lift up our deepest needs and concerns to the One who is mighty to save.

We pray for all leaders and people, that by the power of your cross you would drive out all violence, domination, and injustice in our world as you draw us to your Christ.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.** (*Silence*)

We pray for our war-ravaged world, that you would teach us to walk together in your way of righteousness and peace.

*(Repeat Response, Silence)*

We pray for the vocation of the church, that our prayers would bear the fruit of action as we hear the cries of pain and suffering of those in need. *(Repeat Response, Silence)*

We pray for the poor, the terrified, and the oppressed, and those who are too much alone, that they may find a home in you as we serve them in your name. *(Repeat Response, Silence)*

We are your people, Holy God. As your people, keep encouraging us to lift our family, loved ones, friends, and all of our relations and relationships to you. *(Time is provided to lift names and situations in prayer.)*

As your son anticipated his death on the cross in light of your steadfast love, may all who have died or who are dying be at rest in your eternal care. Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we glorify you, almighty God, with unending thanks and praise.  
**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 Hymn**      *Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring*      JS Bach BWV 147  
Chancel Choir

\* **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** *(Adapted JDB)*

**O God we would be faithful as our foremothers and forefathers. The high priest Melchizedek blessed Abraham and offered his tithe of bread and wine at your holy altar. May our gifts be made perfect through Christ to glorify you and bless the world. Amen.**

# GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

\* **HYMN 69**

*I the Lord of Sea and Sky*

\* **CHARGE** (*Together*)

**Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also." Go in peace to love and serve Christ.**

\* **BLESSING**

\* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

Taize

**POSTLUDE** *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß* JS Bach BWV 402

**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 my parents, Amalee and Rufford Blankenship, sister Sonja Hrapchak and infant daughter Wendy Lee Corey by Jennifer Blankenship.

**HELPING HANDS** we are collecting cleaning supplies for helping hands this month. You may drop it off at the baskets in the back of the sanctuary.

**EASTER FLOWERS** - If you would like to supply an Easter Lily or a Tulip to decorate the church for Easter, please place your order by **Sunday, March 25, 2017**. Order forms are available in the Narthex

**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 today to Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Welch Beulah Humble Presbyterian Church, and Elizabeth First Presbyterian Church, Buckhannon in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Kariguini Church in the Giakanja Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

**OUR THANKS** to Valerie Hartling for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room, to Rachel McNeel Lay Reader, to Jennifer Blankenship Time for Young Disciples Leader, Robin Feldhake Nursery Assistant, to this week's greeter Hester Thacker .

## ELDERS ON CALL

**Mar 18-24**-Rachel McNeel and Charles McNeel

**Mar 25-31**-Dave Sotak and Drema Davis

**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.

**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, March 18**

*5th Sunday in Lent*

*Cents-Ability Offering and Food for*

*Helping Hands*

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m.-Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

### **MONDAY, March 19**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **TUESDAY, March 20**

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

4:30 p.m.-Administration Meeting

7:00 p.m.-Bach Concert

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

### **WEDNESDAY, March 21**

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

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

6:00 p.m.-Ministry of Church Growth

6:30 p.m.- Mission Study Meeting

### **THURSDAY, March 22**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

5:00 p.m.-Property Mtg

6:00 p.m.-Handbell's

7:15 p.m.-Choir

### **FRIDAY, March 23**

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

### **SATURDAY, March 24**

### **SUNDAY, March 25**

*Palm Sunday*

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m.-Worship with

Holy Communion

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

## STAFF

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## 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  
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Mary Calvert  
David Sotak  
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Rachel McNeel  
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The Reverend Jim Burton, Moderator  
Dan Calvert, Acting Clerk of Session

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