



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



Third
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

March 4, 2018
3rd 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

In the Garden

arr. Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive; Psalm 19:7-11)*

Rachel McNeel

The law of the Lord is perfect,

reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure,

making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right,

rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear,

enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure,

enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter than honey.

In keeping them is great reward.

Let us pray together *(2 Corinthians: 12:9; 1 Corinthians 1:25; John 2:15-21)*

Gracious God, whose power is made perfect in weakness, whose wisdom appears as foolishness in this world, we thank you for the scandal of the cross. In Jesus Christ, you overturn all our usual ways of behaving and believing. You scatter our false notions of discipleship as easily as coins are spilled from a box. You correct our notions of piety and order with fierce passion. Do not let your church become content or contained as an institution. Raise to ruins what is distorted in us, and raise us to new life as a community so that we may be the body of Christ in and for the world. With fear and joy we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

* HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

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

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Together; Psalm 19 A Psalm of David.)*

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament* proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice* goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world. *(silence)*

In the heavens* he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat. *(silence)*

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring for ever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb. *(silence)*

¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent*;
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression. *(silence)*

⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. (*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*)
Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming
again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God
and with one another!
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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Do Lord* Russell Mauldin

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Nancy Hageman

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*) Page 35

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 20:1-17 Page 66

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN 14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

THE GOSPEL John 2:13-22 Page 36

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Nagware"

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PASTORS PRAYER

Gifts of Women

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE

...In Joy or in sadness; we do not walk alone.

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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Whitworth

* **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** (*Exodus 20:2-4; 20:17*)

O Lord our God, we want to follow all your commandments— to love only you, not worshiping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess.

Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 625**

How Great Thou Art

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN 194** *When Jesus Wept* Billings

POSTLUDE

Andante con motto e Maestoso

F. Peters

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 honor of her four children, ten grandchildren and a new grandson and in memory also of their Papa and her mother Betty Johnson by Patricia Rucker.

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.

WELCOME - We are pleased to welcome Charlie Chandler to be our guest organists today.

THE OFFICE will be covered in a limited way on March 9th through March 16th. We will be available for calls from 9:00 to Noon on those days, however, If you have an emergency, please contact Betsy Gilmer 304-253-8923. Pastor Jim will be out of town on a Continuing Education Lombard Mennonite Peace Training Conference in Columbia S.C. from March 12-17th. But he can be reached on his phone 803-225-4051 or email jb406@live.com

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, April 25, 2017**. Order forms are available in the Narthex

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.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH - All are welcome to join us today following worship for our Fellowship Lunch in Friendship Hall.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME starts next **Sunday, March 11th**. Remember to turn your clocks forward Saturday night, March 10th.

OUR PRAYERS go out today to Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church and Ripley Richwood Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Githunguri Church in the Giakanja Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Bill Cameron for ‘Cookies in the Witherspoon Room, to Rachel McNeel Lay Reader, to Nancy Hageman Time for Young Disciples Leader, Ann Worley Nursery Assistant, to this week’s greeters Bill and Nancy Cameron.

ELDERS ON CALL

Mar 4-10 Nancy Cameron and Ross Hageman

Mar 11-17 Mac Tieche and Betsy Gilmer

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 4

3rd Sunday in Lent

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m.-Worship

12:00 p.m.-Fellowship Luncheon-
Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, March 5

9:30 a.m.-PW meeting

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, March 6

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

6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts

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

WEDNESDAY, March 7

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

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

6:30 p.m.- Mission Study Meeting

THURSDAY, March 8

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

6:00 p.m.-Handbell's

7:15 p.m.-Choir

FRIDAY, March 9

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

SATURDAY, March 10

Noon-PW Luncheon

SUNDAY, March 11

Daylight Savings Time

4th Sunday in Lent

Gifts of Women Sunday

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

10:55 a.m.-Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

STAFF

The Reverend Jim Burton, Pastor, Ext. 6
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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
Drema Davis
Mary Calvert
David Sotak
Youth Representative
Rachel McNeel
(one year term)

The Reverend Jim Burton, Moderator
Patricia A. Lester, Clerk of Session

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTERED BY BECKLEY PRESBYTERIAN

Dr. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan in Bangladesh