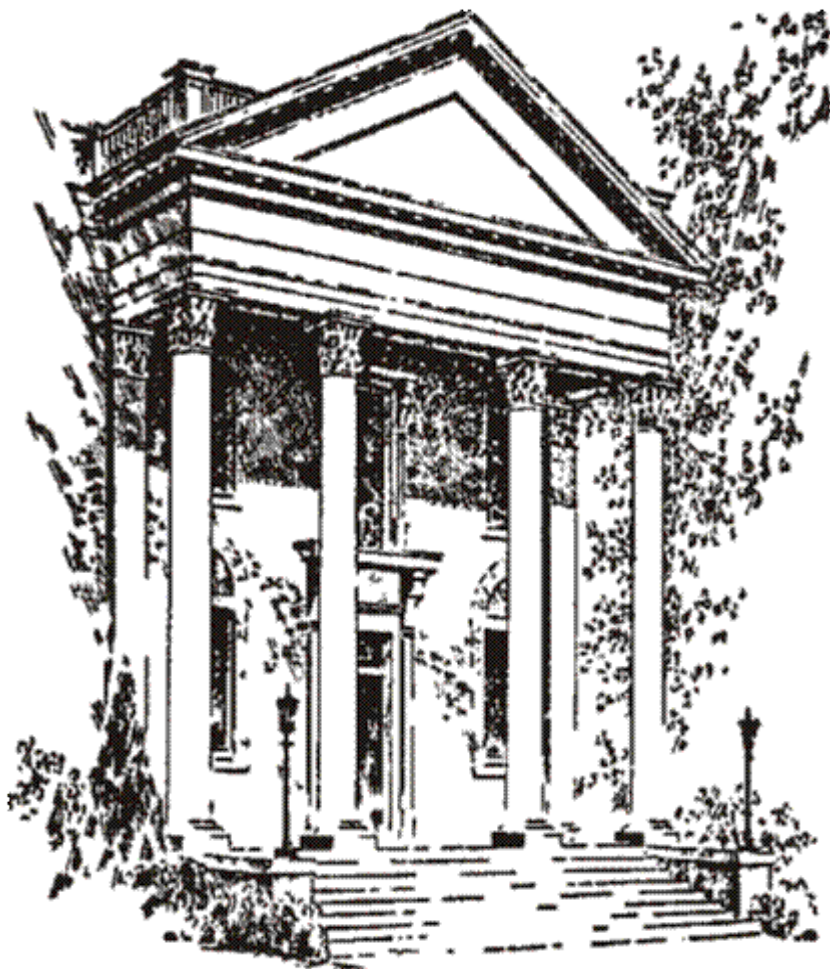




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



August 26, 2018
14th 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

Aginccourt Hymn

John Dunstable

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Ross Hageman

Let us speak with our lips and proclaim with our mouths
the greatness of our God.

God is indeed, a great god who holds all creation.

The praise of God is a worthy task for our tongues.

We gladly employ them in worship of the Holy One.

The tongue was meant to bless God.

**Blessing and power and might be to our God
forever and ever.**

May the voices that speak God's blessings always speak
in ways pleasing to God.

May it be so in us, now and forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Together)*

God our strength, you have brought us into your holy
place; through Christ, who has the words of eternal life. As you
made us alive by his flesh and blood, cause us to boldly wit-
ness to the gospel, welcome the stranger, and pursue
peace, standing through the struggles of our times. Amen

* HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

We confess, O God, that our tongue is a fitting symbol for
the state of our lives. With it we bless you and sing beautiful
hymns, and with it we speak evil of one another. Our lives

have not been formed completely into your image. We resisted giving up our practice of making ourselves feel better by telling of the more obvious faults of others. Forgive us our sinful ways and by the power of your Holy Spirit enable us to speak as graciously about and to one another as we do to you. 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**

* **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

Who Are The Brave

Joseph Martin

BPC Men's Ensemble

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)*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

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

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

SERMON

“Choices”

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

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.

*** HYMN 442***Just as I am***WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD****MOMENTS FOR MISSION****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****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**

The Mansions of the Lord
BPC Men’s Ensemble

arr. Benjamin Harlin

* **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 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Voluntary* Gordon Young

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 Drema Davisa after worship.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in memory and celebration of Karen Thomas' birthday by John Thomas.

WELCOME TO THE PULPIT - We are pleased to welcome John Nelson to our pulpit today. John was born and raised in Fayette County with 4 brothers and 3 sisters. His late father was a retired coal miner and his mother a housewife. He has been a computer repair technician since 1995 and moved to Saint Albans back in the early 2000s. There he started attending Highlawn Presbyterian Church where he and his wife are now active members. John went into the Presbytery's Lay Academy Program and became an ALP (Authorized Lay Preacher) back in 2012. He and his wife are proud grandparents of a 4 year old ball of energy named Keegan. They also have a dog and 2 cats.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown, First Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg, Red Sulphur Springs Presbyterian Church, Ballard in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Muringato Church in the Rware Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Todd Scott for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Ross Hageman Lay Reader , Nancy Hageman Time for Young Disciples Leader , Rachel Feldhake Nursery Assistant and to this week's greeter Peggy White.

ELDERS ON CALL

Aug 26-Sept 1-Ross Hageman and Marie Lewis

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, August 26

10:55 a.m.- Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, August 27

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
6:00 p.m.-Session

TUESDAY, August 28

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

WEDNESDAY, August 29

Pipe Line

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

THURSDAY, August 30

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

FRIDAY, August 31

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

SUNDAY, September 2

10:55 a.m. - Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

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Betsy Gilmer

Drema Davis

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David Sotak

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Daniel Calvert

Marcia Fairlie

Ross Hageman

Marie Lewis

Barbara Yurick

Youth Representative

Kedric Branford

(one year term)

Robert Wood, Moderator

Dan Calvert, Clerk of Session

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