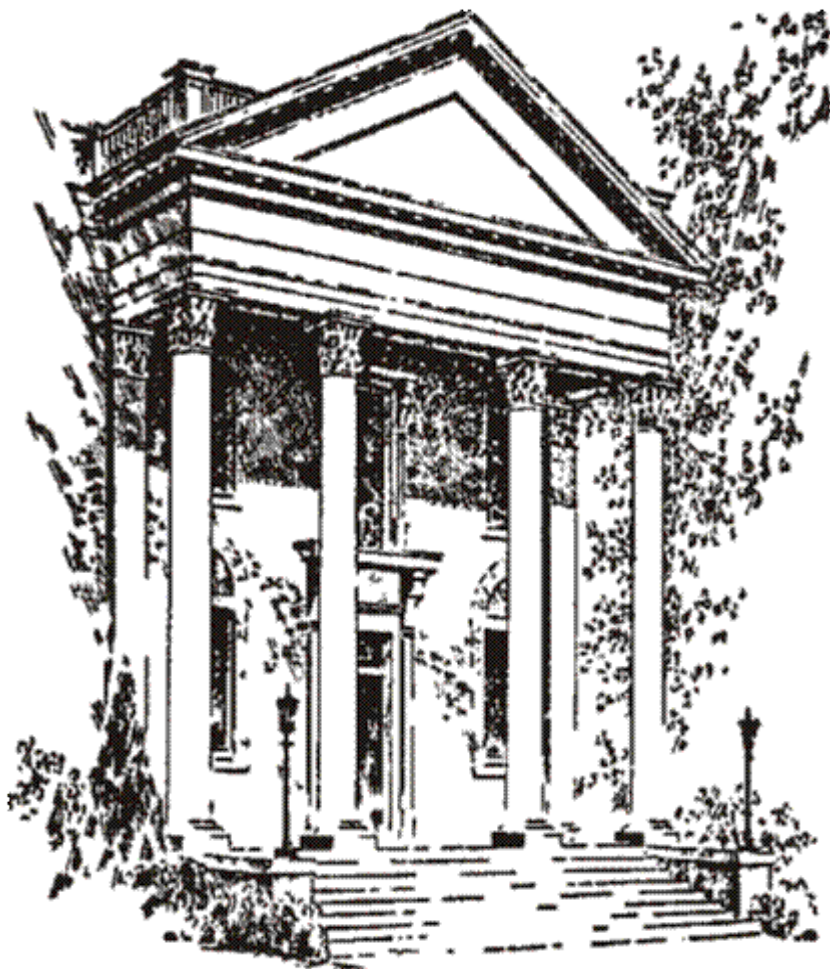




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



September 9, 2018
16th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18

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

Tantum Ergo

Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Nancy Kissinger

For the stranger and the guest

the Lord prepares a table.

Every child of God is welcome

to share this feast of grace.

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Together)*

Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality; in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

* HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

We confess to God the reality of our lives, knowing that we are loved and forgiven already. We confess that when we look honestly at our lives we are disciples, but very poor disciples of Jesus Christ. We are not centered in our God or in our own being. We listen to the voices of the world and are misled into trying to become something we are not. We strive to please God in order to receive God's love when we already have it instead of trying to grow into what God created us to become.

Forgive us and so fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may truly believe in your love and grace and open our lives to you. Amen
(silent confession)

* **KYRIE** *Lord Have Mercy* 551
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.**

* **GLORIA** *Glory Be to the Father* 581
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 *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson

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)* (page 35)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Page 604

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT James 2:1-17 Page 229

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

* **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 792**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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

Attende Domine

Charles Callahan

* **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* 606

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 610**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Charles Callahan

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 the Lay Reader after worship.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Effie and Floyd McElmurray by Martha Rucker.

WELCOME TO THE PULPIT - 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.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON will be today following worship. Everyone is welcome downstairs for great food and fellowship.

OPEN FLOWER DATE is September 30th. If you would like to put flowers on the alter in memory or honor of someone please contact Betsy Gilmer.

CHOIR KICK OFF PICNIC will be next Sunday, September 16th. For more information please contact Tim Waugh at bpc.wv.music@gmail.com, or by texting a message to (304)404-2726.

SHEPHERD CENTER has started back on Tuesday's at 9:00 downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to join them, stop by for lunch and activities.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today Beechwood Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg, Bradley Presbyterian Church and Centerville Presbyterian Church, Greenville in the Presbytery of West Virginia; St. Cuthbert's Church in the Rware Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Drema Davis for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Nancy Kissinger Lay Reader, Jennifer Blankenship Time for Young Disciples Leader, Robin Feldhake Nursery Assistant and to this week's greeter Don and Debbie Goodson.

ELDERS ON CALL

Sept 9-15-Marie Lewis and Mac Tieche

Sept 16-22-Dan and Mary Calvert

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, September 9

10:55 a.m.- Worship
12:00 p.m.-Fellowship Luncheon
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, September 10

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
5:30 p.m.-Church Growth Mtg-FH

TUESDAY, September 11

9:00 a.m.-Shepherd's Center
6:30 p.m.-Worship Mtg-WR
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, September 12

11:00 a.m.-The Carpenter's Corner
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

THURSDAY, September 13

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
6:00 p.m.-Handbells
7:15 p.m.-Choir

FRIDAY, September 14

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

SATURDAY, September 15

12:00 p.m.-PW Luncheon

SUNDAY, September 16

Cents-Ability and H Hands
10:55 a.m. - Worship and
Holy Communion
12:00 p.m.-Christian Ed Mtg-WR
12:30 p.m.-Choir Picnic
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

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Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00

Lunch 12:30-1:30

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Karen Reed
Clyde Smith
Mac Tieche

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Al Combs
Betsy Gilmer
Drema Davis
Mary Calvert
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

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY BECKLEY PRESBYTERIAN

Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan in Bangladesh

Rev. Dori Kay Hjalmarson, Honduras