



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



April 25, 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

The mission of Beckley Presbyterian Church is to glorify God through the nurturing and equipping of our congregation to manifest our faith

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*If you are able, please stand for items marked **
Portions in bold type are for congregational participation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER AND CONFESS

PRELUDE Pastorale from *Southern Harmony* *TH Waugh*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive, Psalm 23*)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

INVOCATION

* HYMN 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We speak of your great love but our own hearts condemn us. We express concern for the poor but our own actions betray us. Forgive us, God of grace. Good shepherd, restore our souls and lead us in right paths for your name's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **KYRIE**

Lord Have Mercy

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**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

I Danced in the Morning

adapt. Sydney Carter

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 10: 11-18

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

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3: 16-24

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

SERMON

The Good Shepherd

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * **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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

- * **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 DEDICATION**

- * **HYMN 834** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

- * **BENEDICTION**

- * **POSTLUDE** Pastorale on "Endless Song" TH Waugh

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard - ian of our way.
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us; for our use your fold pre - pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9:00 a.m. and will continue to meet online for the time being. An electronic invitation will be sent out ahead of time.

NURSERY CARE will not be open today due to covid 19 virus.

FLOWERS. Please contact Betsy Gilmer at (304)253-8923 if you would like to place flowers at the front of the church in honor or memory of someone.

FRIENDSHIP BREAD. The Church Growth and Service committee is leading a new ministry effort to deliver fresh baked homemade bread to people. They would like your help in identifying people to serve. It could be a shut-in or someone who has a special need, or it might be someone to whom we can show our appreciation or encouragement. You can submit your suggestions in the church box where we collect the offerings.

CHOIR. Choir practice will begin again at 7 p.m. this Wednesday, as the choir prepares to return to singing in worship. They'd love to have new singers join returning members. New handbell ringers are also welcome. Handbell practice will begin at 6 p.m. that same day. If you'd like to join either the handbells or choir, please see Kim Smith.

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, April 25

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School
11:00 a.m.-Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

MONDAY, April 26

6:00 p.m.-Session

TUESDAY, April 27

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

WEDNESDAY, April 28

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

THURSDAY, April 29

FRIDAY, April 30

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

SATURDAY, May 1

SUNDAY, May 2

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School
11:00 a.m.-Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

To prevent the spread of the covid 19 virus, please take your bulletin with you as you leave today.

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