



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



**December 16, 2018**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

*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."*



\* **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** *Night of Silence* Daniel Kantor (arr. T. Waugh)

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Ann Worley

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** Zephaniah 3:14-20 Page 877

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

**THE NEW TESTAMENT** Luke 3:7-18 Page 60

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**SERMON** "Find the Joy"

\* **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 94**

*Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

**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**    Òran Tàlaidh a’Phìobaire (Piper’s Lullaby)    T’Waugh  
Handbells of Beckley Presbyterian & BPC Wind Ensemble

**\* DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all  
7  
creatures here below Praise God above ye heavenly hosts Praise  
14  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

**\* HYMN 122**

*Silent Night*

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Praise to God the Father Sing*

**\* POSTLUDE**

*Following the Benediction Response  
Let us observe a moment of silence then  
Depart in the Peace of Christ*

*The Noack Organ Opus 80 is one year away of it's 40th Anniversary  
Should you like to stay for a few moments to listen to the music...*

**Tiny Recital Series**

Two Selections for  
Organ & Instrumental Ensemble

**THE POINSETTIAS**  
*in the sanctuary are placed this morning*  
**To the Glory of God and**

***In Celebration of***

*The birth of Christ Jesus and the beautiful Christmas Season by Marcia Fairlie.*

***In Honor of***

*My Daughters Kathryn and Rebecca Richmond by Dr. Billy B. Richmond.*

*Our families by Cheryl and Terry McGill.*

*The Beckley Presbyterian Chancel Choir with appreciation for your dedication and hard work at Christmas and always by Tim Waugh.*

*The Beckley Presbyterian Handbell Choir with appreciation for your dedication and hard work at Christmas and always by Tim Waugh.*

*Marie Lewis with appreciation for your dedication and hard work at Christmas and always by Tim Waugh.*

*Tim Waugh, the choirs and their contribution to our worship service by Leslie and Lena Cox.*

*Joy to the World by Leslie and Lena Cox.*

*John and Helen Walker by Brenda Meadows.*

*The birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ by John and Patricia Lester.*

*Our grandchildren Trip, Millie and Tucker by Nancy and Richard Kissinger.*

***In Loving Memory of***

*Our Parents George and Freda Wilgus and Neil Kissinger by Nancy and Richard Kissinger.*

*Floyd and Effie McElmurray and to the Glory of God by Bill and Martha Rucker and Sons.*

*Tom, Peggy, Ronnie, Steve and Wilma by Nancy and Dave Sotak.*

*Jeanette, Paul and Paulette Bond by Nancy and Dave Sotak.*

*Mary Judson by Leigh Ragahyi.*

*Bob and Sookie Wilson by Ann Worley, Tyke and Denise Wilson.*

*Cam and Odessa Lewis and Cam and Susan Lewis by Marie Lewis.*

*My father Roderic Branford by Kedric Branford.*

*Cam Lewis by Marie Lewis.*

*My husband Bill, Daughter Paula and Sister Mildred by June Morris.*

*Dr. & Mrs. Billy B. Richmond, Sr. by Dr. Billy B. Richmond, Jr.*

*Ned and Pauline Ragland and Clarence and Sarah Kesler by Buzz and Judy Ragland.*

*Clyde and Mary Caperton Smith by Clyde and Cathy Smith.*

## **ELDERS ON CALL**

Dec 16-22-Marie Lewis

Dec 23-29-Bill Hartling

**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.

## **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.

**WELCOME TO THE PULPIT** - We are pleased to welcome Jim Robinson back to our pulpit today.

**WHITE CHRISTMAS** program will be this evening at 7:00 please make plans to attend and bring a nonperishable food item wrapped in white tissue paper or monetary gift in a white envelope to be donated to a local food bank..

**CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING** will be taken up today in the back of the sanctuary following the service.

**NEXT SUNDAY** we will be taking up the Christmas Joy Offering.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out to these churches today Summerlee Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Nitro and First Presbyterian Church, Williamston in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Philip Nganatha Memorial Church in the Wandumbi Parish in the

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## OFFICE

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## Ministry Moderators

**Administration**-Clyde Smith

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**Worship**-Bill Hartling

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, December 16

*Cents-Ability Offering*

10:55 a.m.- Worship

7:00 p.m.-White Christmas

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

### MONDAY, December 17

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### TUESDAY, December 18

4:30 p.m.-Admin Meeting

6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts Mtg.

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

### WEDNESDAY, December 19

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

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### THURSDAY, December 20

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### FRIDAY, December 21

*Office Closed*

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

### SUNDAY, December 23

*Christmas Joy Offering*

10:55 a.m. - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

### MONDAY, December 24

*Office Closed*

*Christmas Eve*

7:00 p.m.-Christmas Eve Service

with Holy Communion