

THE
Greatest
GIFT



The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, Psalm 147)*

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold?

He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!

INVOCATION

* HYMN 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together*)

Lord God, The light has come into the world. We love the darkness rather than light because our deeds are evil. Forgive us when we prefer the darkness. May we live each day with the light and joy of Christmas in our hearts. Help us that we may do what is true and come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that our deeds have been done in the name of Jesus. For it is in the name of Jesus we pray, 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

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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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

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

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SERMON

The Days After Christmas

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.

* **HYMN 148**

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple

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 123**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

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 Pastor after worship

OUR THANKS to: lay reader Al Combs, TWYD Jennifer Blankenship and the livestream operators Ross Hageman and Jennifer Mitchell.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today Clifton Presbyterian Church, Maxwelton, Hughes River Presbyterian Church, Cairo in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Kangaita Church Church in the Gaaki parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

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 be provided today in the Educational Building.

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.

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 2

Jer.31:7-14 and Ps. 147:12-20
Eph 1:3-14;
John 1:(1-9) 10-18

January 9

Baptism of the Lord
Isa. 43:1-7 and Ps. 29;
Acts 8:14-17;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16

Isa 62:1-5 and Ps. 36:5-10;
1Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 23

Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Ps. 19;
1Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

January 30

Jer. 1:4-10 and Ps. 71:1-6;
1Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Jan 2

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

MONDAY, Jan 3

TUESDAY, Jan 4

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

WEDNESDAY, Jan 5

11:00 a.m.-Carpenter's Corner
6:00 p.m.-Bells
7:00 p.m.-Choir

THURSDAY, Jan 6

FRIDAY, Jan 7

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

SATURDAY, Jan 8

SUNDAY, Jan 9

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7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

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