



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

Wait patiently



December 11, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent

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 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
Ann Lilly, Flutist

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The joy of Jesus is our song.
We praise and love him all along
In word and deed and thought and way
He is our constant ev'ry day.*

Mary sang to God for the precious gift of Jesus as a sign to celebrate him.

We open our mouth to rejoice in him.

From generation to generation, the praise continues for the Lord.

Let every tongue bless his name.

The whole earth is filled with God's glory.

Holy is the Lord.

*Almighty is the Lord, God's Son,
Who over death has vict'ry won.
With happy hearts and voices clear
We celebrate that Christ is here.*

We are designed by God to serve as reflections of the great gratitude we have for Jesus.

Let our lives be filled with thanksgiving.

The journey Jesus took from cradle to cross for us inspires us to express our excitement.

Let the sinless life of Christ and his sacrifice for our sins lift our spirits up to him.

*At Christ laid in manger bed.
By Spirit of our God he led
A perfect life that we might be
Forgiven for eternity.*

Each moment of our lives is a gift to be enjoyed because it has come to us through Christ.

Let us receive his goodness with gladness.

*In Christ we are made new each morn
For our salvation he was born.
In heaven we will shout "Amen."
There will be no more sorrow then.*

(Light three candles on the Advent wreath.)

* HYMN 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. 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

Maria Walks Amid the Thorn

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 35:1-10 page 663

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 1:39-55 page 57

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

SERMON

Mary Did Not Know

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 145**

What Child Is This

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

The Holly and the Ivy
Ann Lilly, Flutist

- * **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 121** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

SUNDAY SCHOOL meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Witherspoon room.

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 9:00 a.m. An electronic invitation is 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be taken up today Sunday, December 11th. This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

WHITE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, December 18th. Please bring non-perishable food item wrapped in white tissue paper or monetary donations in white envelope to be collected and distributed to local food banks.

GIVING TREE Once again we are collecting for the Women's Resource Center clients during the holiday season. We have tags hanging on the tree in the back of the sanctuary that you can take and provide the needed supplies. Please return the unwrapped items with the tag to the church by next Sunday, December 18th.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be on Saturday, December 24th at 7 p.m. Please join us for the candlelight Christmas Eve communion service.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today First Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, Highlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans, and First Presbyterian Church, Whitesville in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Philip Nganatha Memorial Church in the Wandumbi parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to: Dan Calvert, lay reader; Monte Mitchell, TWYD, and livestream operator Jennifer Mitchell and Paul Wykle.

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

In Honor of

My Sister Sharon Plumley by: Brenda Meadows
Our four grandchildren Lorna Wellmeier, Vance Wellmeier,
Emmett Austin, and Margaret Austin
by: John & Marlene Vance
Patricia Lester by: The Debnams
Our Grandchildren, Coben, Carlie and Jovi
by: Lynne & Jody Clowers

In Loving Memory of

Our Parents Vince & Retha Calvert and Pete & Virginia Akers
by: Dan & Mary Calvert
My Husband Owen C. Meadows, MD by: Brenda Meadows
Shiela Dixson; daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. You are loved
and missed! by: Christine Dixson
Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Bush, Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Bush, Mr. &
Mrs. A. F. Bush, A. F. Bush, Jr. & Stephen D. Jones
by: Lena Jane Jones
John VanMeter (father), Kenny & Mable VanMeter
(grandparents), Steve & Nancy Knotts (grandparents),
D. C. & Betty Farley (grandparents), Don & Lucille Valley
(grandparents) by: Scott & Robin VanMeter
My mother Bobbie B. Short by: Cathy Akers
Bob's parents Andy and Nancy Mestrovic and Carol's mother
Elizabeth Walker by: The Mestrovic Family
Martha Rucker by: the Mestrovic Family
My beloved family; Amalee & Rufford Blankenship, Sonja
Hrapchak, and Wendy Lee Corey by: Jennifer Blankenship
My Beloved husband, Bill and daughter, Paula by: June Morris
J. Wayne Miller, Jennifer's father and Gene & Betty Mitchell,
Monte's parents by: Monte & Jennifer Mitchell

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Dec 11

Christmas Joy Offering

9 a.m. Online Sunday school.

9:45 a.m. Sunday school in

Witherspoon Room.

11:00 a.m.- Worship

Noon-Worship Meeting

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

MONDAY, Dec 12

TUESDAY, Dec 13

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec 14

THURSDAY, Dec 15

FRIDAY, Dec 16

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

SATURDAY, Dec 17

SUNDAY, Dec 18

White Christmas

9 a.m. Online Sunday school.

9:45 a.m. Sunday school in

Witherspoon Room.

11:00 a.m.- Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM