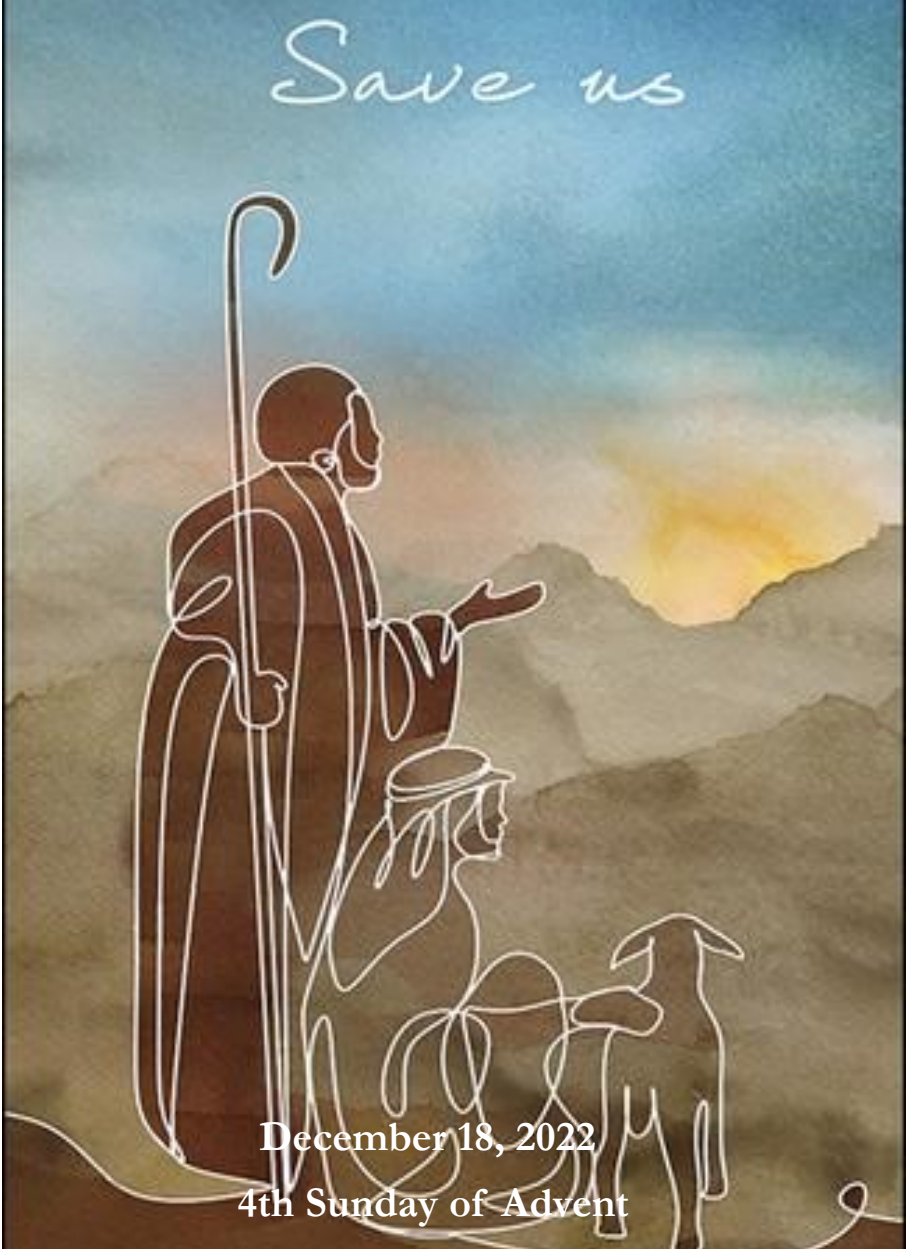




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*

*Save us*



**December 18, 2022**  
**4th 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

### PRELUDE

*The Snow Lay on the Ground*  
BPC Handbell Choir

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The Time has come to welcome him,  
Who shines a light on all things dim,  
Who brightens ev'ry dark within  
To free the world from death and sin.*

In Christ our faith is confirmed.

**In Christ who is born, we shall be saved.**

In swaddling clothes and lying in a manger,

**Baby Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophet's words.**

Unto us a life of promise has begun.

**Unto us a life with God will be restored.**

*He is the way, the truth, the life,  
He is our helper in all strife.  
He makes us children of our God.  
He goes with us, each road we trod.*

The angels sang glory to God in the highest.

**We see the glory in God's Son.**

The shepherds ran to Bethlehem to find Jesus.

**We find Jesus in our very hearts.**

*In Bethlehem on that cold night,  
A star shone bright with heav'ns light.  
The sky declared the news we know:  
That Jesus came to earth below.*

Mary and Joseph held Jesus in their arms.

**We hold Jesus in our thoughts and prayers.**

*We marvel that the Lord is here.  
He comes to bring the world good cheer.  
Our Savior, Christ, at last arrives.  
Our faith in him forever thrives.*

(Light four candles on the Advent wreath.)

## WHITE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

\* **HYMN 119**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

### **MARY SAT A-ROCKIN'**

BPC Choir

Mary sat a-rockin', rockin' all night  
Mary sat a-rockin' her baby.

One dark night long ago,  
Born a baby in a manger low.  
Many came from near and far,  
Following that yonder star!

Precious gifts, to the baby;  
Precious gifts, now they bring;  
Precious gifts, lay before Him;  
This newborn King!

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 11:1-9

### **O LORD, YOU WERE BORN**

Poem read by Ann Worley

### **'TIS A WONDERFUL THING**

BPC Choir

Robert Burnside, Clarinet

Born, born, born is the King  
Let Heaven and nature join and sing  
Glory, Hallelujah, 'tis a wonderful thing,  
Born, born, born is the King.

Mary and Joseph heard the angel say:  
“You’re gonna have a baby, it’ll happen this way.  
God will be the Father, no matter what they say.  
Just believe and name him Jesus gotta trust and obey.”

Shepherds in the night watching over their sheep  
Thought they were in for a good night’s sleep.  
When out of the blue, of the desert night  
Came a host of mighty angels, they were singing in flight.

An angel told the shepherds there was nothing to fear.  
In fact, they told the shepherds there was good news to hear.  
A Savior has been born this very night.  
Now go on, get into town, you’ve never seen such a sight!

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 2:1-20

### **WEXFORD CAROL**

Irish Traditional

Kim Bennett, Soloist

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*Lo, How a Rose 'Er Blooming*

arr. David Lasky

*As is our White Christmas tradition, we bring forward our gifts of non-perishable food items wrapped in white, or white envelopes containing funds that will be used to feed those in our community.*

### I WONDER AS I WANDER

BPC Handbell Choir

### O, HOLY NIGHT

Robert Burnside, Saxophone

### SOME CHILDREN SEE HIM

BPC Choir

Some children see Him lily white,  
The Baby Jesus born this night,  
Some children see Him lily white,  
With tresses soft and fair.  
Some children see Him bronzed and brown  
With dark and heavy hair.

Some children see Him almond-eyed,  
This Saviour whom we kneel beside,  
Some children see Him almond-eyed,  
With skin of yellow hue.

Some children see him dark as they,  
Sweet Mary's Son to whom we pray;  
Some children see him dark as they,  
And, ah! They love Him, too!

The children in each different place  
Will see the baby Jesus' face  
Like theirs, but bright with heav'nly grace,  
And filled with holy light.

O lay aside each earthly thing,  
And with thy heart as offering,  
Come worship now the infant King,  
'Tis love that's born tonight!

**STILL, STILL, STILL**

Charles McNeel, Soloist

**SLEEP OF THE HOLY CHILD**

BPC Choir

Here, 'mid the ass and oxen mild,  
Sleep, sleep, sleep thou holy child.  
Thousand cherubim, thousand seraphim,  
hover all above, around the Lord of love.

King of angels, sleep;  
King of angels, sleep.  
Sleep, holy child.

Mid lilies pure and roses red,  
Sleep, sleep, sleep in thy lowly bed.  
Heav'nly cherubim, shining seraphim,  
Hover all above, around the Lord of love.

Here, by a star, were shepherds led,  
Sleep, sleep, in thy manger bed.  
Heav'nly cherubim, shining seraphim,  
Hover all above, around the Lord of love.

The angels in heaven looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

Blessed baby, King of angels, sleep.

# JAZZ CHRISTMAS ALLELUIA

BPC Choir

“Glory to God in the highest,  
And on the earth be peace to all.”  
Angels singing, tidings bringing,  
Jesus the Lord is born.

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Christ the Lord is born.

\* HYMN 134

*Joy to the World*

**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

**GIVING TREE** Please return the items for the Women's Resource Center to the church unwrapped with the tag, Monday, December 19th.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be this 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: Alderson Presbyterian Church, Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Mingo Presbyterian Church, in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Wandumbi Special School in the Wandumbi parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

**OUR THANKS** to: Cindy Worley, lay reader; Jennifer Blankenship, TWYD, and livestream operators 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 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

### MONDAY, Dec 19

### TUESDAY, Dec 20

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

### WEDNESDAY, Dec 21

### THURSDAY, Dec 22

### FRIDAY, Dec 23

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

### SATURDAY, Dec 24

*Christmas Eve Service*

### SUNDAY, Dec 25

*Christmas Day*

9 a.m. Online Sunday school.

11:00 a.m.- Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM