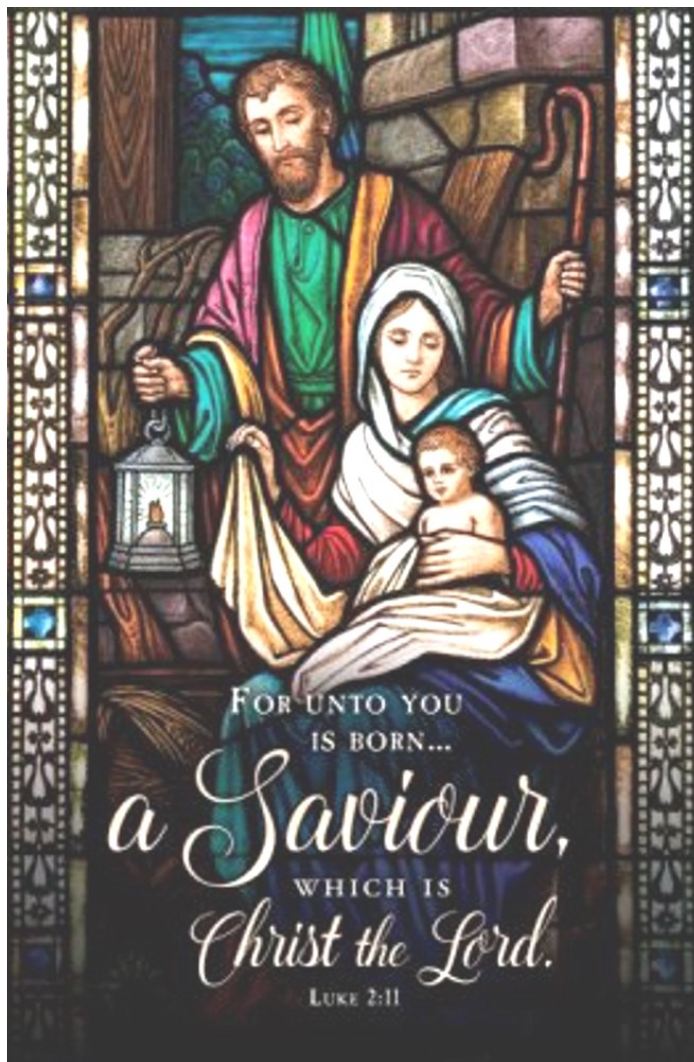




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



**December 25, 2022**  
**Christmas Day**

# 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**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,  
Alleluia!

**Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father,  
Light eternal: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, King of glory, Son of righteousness,  
born of the Virgin Mary; Glory to you, O Lord!

**Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God,  
everlasting Lord Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls,  
perfect in holiness Glory to you, O Lord!

**Christ is born! Give him glory! Christ has come down  
from heaven! Receive him! Christ is now on Earth!  
Exalt him! O earth, sing to the Lord! O you nations,  
praise him in joy, for he has been glorified! Amen.**

\* HYMN 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

**\* KYRIE**

*Lord Have Mercy*

**551**

**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**

*Sleep of the Holy Child*

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      Isaiah 52:7-10      page 683

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

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**      Luke 2:1-20      page 58

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## 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 128***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly***SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. In the fullness of time you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in  
the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

As your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago, so, on the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **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 134** *Joy to the World*

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

\* **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

# **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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**Congregational Care**-Bill Mullins

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, Dec 25

9 a.m. Online Sunday school.

11:00 a.m.- Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

### MONDAY, Dec 26

*Office Closed*

### TUESDAY, Dec 27

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

### WEDNESDAY, Dec 28

### THURSDAY, Dec 29

### FRIDAY, Dec 30

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

### SATURDAY, Dec 31

*Christmas Eve Service*

### SUNDAY, Jan 1

9 a.m. Online Sunday school.

11:00 a.m.- Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM