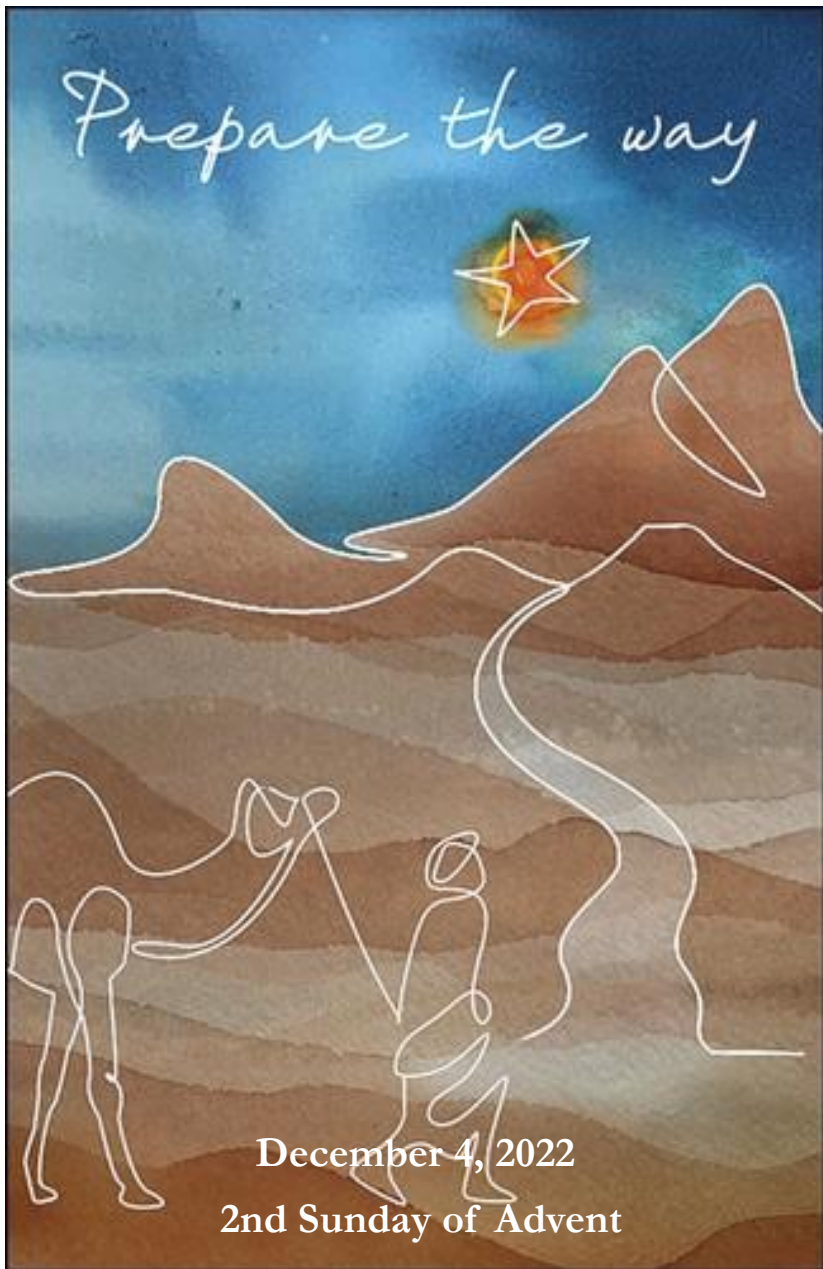




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



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

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Our Jesus gives the world God's love,
With peace and mercy from above.
He looks upon us with his grace
And shows his presence in this place.*

Christ has made himself known to us as a little child.

We see him humble in a manger. Let us be humble as we live for him.

Jesus is born gentle and mild, as he sleeps in heavenly peace.

We see him quiet and calm. Let our gentleness be known to all since he is near.

*The promises are now fulfilled
In Jesus Christ, so hearts be stilled
From trouble, toil, grief and shame
By true forgiveness in his name.*

Jesus is made known not just in Bethlehem but he is revealed to everyone everywhere.

We are called to make known abroad the saying which is told us through God's messengers of Christ's birth.

Jesus is the Light of the world, the Light no darkness can overcome.

Let our lights so shine before others that they may see our good works and praise God who is in heaven.

*The Light that shines upon our life
Brings truth and certainty in strife.
Oh, may our lights expand the glow
That Christ appeared for us to know.*

Jesus declared that the Scriptures have come to life in our hearing.

Let us spread the word that our ears have heard and our eyes have seen his salvation.

*We spread the news that we have heard
That Christ has come, who is the Word
To be the sign that God has come
To grant his life to everyone.*

(Light two candles on the Advent wreath.)

* HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We hurt and destroy one another; we neglect the poor and hungry. We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us; deliver us; prepare the way for us, so that we may be ready to enter into your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

**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

The First Noel/ Pachelbel’s Canon

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 1:18-24

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SERMON

Joseph the Righteous Carpenter

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 86**

The People Who Walked in Darkness

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

* **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 129** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

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 next 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 will be collecting for the Women's Resource Centers clients during the holiday season. We will have tags hanging on the tree that you can take and provide the needed supplies. Please return the items to the church unwrapped by 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for those who requested them are available in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to start using the envelopes, please take a box and put your name beside the corresponding number on the sheet.

OUR THANKS to: Mary Calvert, lay reader; Nancy Hageman, TWYD, and livestream operator Jennifer Mitchell.

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 4

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School

11:00 a.m.- Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

MONDAY, Dec 5

TUESDAY, Dec 6

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec 7

THURSDAY, Dec 8

FRIDAY, Dec 9

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

SATURDAY, Dec 10

SUNDAY, Dec 11

Christmas Joy Offering

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Noon-Worship Mtg.

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM