



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



January 1, 2023

1st Sunday of Christmas

The mission of Beckley Presbyterian Church is to glorify God through the nurturing and equipping of our congregation to manifest our faith throughout God's creation with love, joy, hope, and open hearts.

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

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, Psalm 148)*

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

INVOCATION

* HYMN 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit. Forgiven and renewed, may we show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. 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

*** HYMN 119**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 1:1-18

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ANTHEM

Angel's Carol

Have you heard the sounds of the angel voices
 Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news that they bring from Heaven
To the humble shepherds who have waited long?

Gloria in excelsis, Deo

Gloria in excelsis, Deo

Hear the angels sing their joyful song

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness
 Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night
He is come in joy like the sun at morning
Filling all the world with radiance and with light
He is come in love as the child of Mary;
In a simple stable, we have seen his birth

Gloria in excelsis, Deo

Gloria in excelsis, Deo

Hear the angels singing Peace on Earth

He will bring new light
(He will bring new light) to a world in darkness
 Like a bright star shining in the skies above
He will bring new hope
(He will bring new hope) to the waiting nations
When he comes to reign in purity and love

Let the Earth rejoice

(Let the Earth rejoice) at the Saviour's coming

Let the Heavens answer

(Let the Heavens answer) with the joyful mourn

Gloria in excelsis, Deo

Gloria in excelsis, Deo

Hear the angels singing, Christ is born

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Away in a Manger

Soloist, Miles Ragalyi

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.

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 143** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **BENEDICTION**

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.

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL class will begin at 9:45 a.m. next Sunday, January 8th in the Witherspoon Room. Dr. John Vance will teach the class about the Psalms.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet at the Black Knight on Thursday, January 12th at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to join them, please contact Nancy Hageman at 304-255-2336.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: Clifton Presbyterian Church, Maxwelton and Hughes River Presbyterian Church, Cairo, both in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Kangaita Ch. (+Youth Polytech) in the Gaaki parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

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

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.

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 1

Isa. 63:7-9 and Ps. 148;
Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-2

January 22

Isa. 9:1-4 and Ps. 27:1, 4-9;
1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23

January 8

Baptism of the Lord
Isa. 42:1-9 and Ps. 29;
Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17

January 29

Micah 6:1-8 and Ps. 15; 1 Cor.
1:18-31;
Matt. 5:1-12

January 15

Isa. 49:1-7 and Ps. 40:1-11;
1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Jan 1

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

MONDAY, Jan 2

Office Closed

TUESDAY, Jan 3

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

WEDNESDAY, Jan 4

THURSDAY, Jan 5

FRIDAY, Jan 6

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

SATURDAY, Jan 7

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Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00

Lunch 12:30-1:30

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