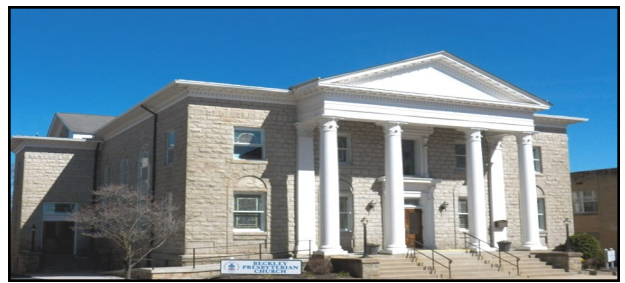


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September 1, 2023

Presbyterians to Lay Corner Stone

Masonic Lodge to Have Charge of Ceremony Sunday Afternoon at Three O'Clock.

Rev. J. L. Lineweaver, pastor of the Beckley Presbyterian church, announces that the corner stone of the new church building will be laid on Sunday, September 2. The Beckley lodge of the Masonic fraternity will have charge of the ceremony, which will take place at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Duputy Grand Master Rippeth will be in charge and the Knight Templars in uniform will be present as escort to the Blue Lodge.

Besides the interesting services of the Masonic lodge in connection with the laying of the corner stone, there will be greetings from the other Beckley churches by the following representatives: Baptist, Rev. B. Lacy Hoge; Christian, W. H. File; M. E. church, South, C. V. Cottle; M. E. Church, W. H. Rardin; Episcopal, W. A. James.

The assembled multitude will be asked to join in singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," and the first verse of the following old church hymns: "Rock of Ages," "How Firm a Foundation," "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and there will be other special music.

The public generally is invited and especially the people living in the towns and country around Beckley.

The new Presbyterian church is being built of native stone and is a substantial building that will be an ornament to the city and render a great service to the community. The building is ideally located and will have three separate auditoriums besides twenty other rooms for Sunday school class rooms and offices.

It was 100 years ago, on September 2, 1923, that approximately 1,500 people gathered at 203 South Kanawha Street, to celebrate the laying of the cornerstone for the current sanctuary building of Beckley Presbyterian Church.

Please come to the worship service this Sunday, September 3, 2023, where we'll continue the worship they started in this space. We'll sing the hymns they sang that day 100 years ago. We'll worship the same God who has been great in faithfulness for this past century and more to this congregation of believers. **After worship we'll gather in the Witherspoon Room for a reception hosted by the Centennial Committee.**

The church dates back to the 1800s, meeting in homes, at school and in other churches, although original records before 1907 have been lost. It was April 17, 1921, that the congregation voted to begin considering a bigger space than the brick church building they'd been using. They decided on a larger stone building, with a projected cost of \$75,000. The debt was paid off in April 1940.

John and Patricia Lester worked to put together the history collection in the Calvert Cabinet in the Witherspoon Room. Ann Worley visited the Raleigh County Library to get copies of Beckley Raleigh Register newspaper articles about the cornerstone. A church history is available on our new website at <https://beckleypres.org/> (look under the dropdown menu that says "about" to find "Our Church History.")

The cornerstone is the principal stone that guides workers so that all the other work remains straight, solid and true. Everything is measured by the cornerstone.

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God." Ephesians 2:19-22

God bless you!

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The box under the stone will contain a copy of the Bible, child's catechism, shorter catechism, certain clippings from the Raleigh Register and the Raleigh Herald, the two papers of Beckley; names of members of the Beckley Presbyterian church; names of the ministers of the churches in Beckley bringing greetings; copy of the program; names of the officers of Beckley Lodge No. 95 A. F. & A. M. and copy of the lodge by-laws; and certain old coins.



OFFICER ELECTIONS

We will soon be electing officers. A list of active confirmed members, the nomination form for 4 Ruling Elders to Class of 2026, 1 Trustee, and 1 Nominating Committee representative will be available in the church Narthex on Sunday, **September 10th** and should be **returned by Sunday, October 1st**.

Ruling Elders are chosen by the people. Together with Teaching Elders (Ministers) of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of this church as well as the church-at-large. In our church, they also oversee the work of the numerous committees. When they are elected as commissioners to higher governing bodies, Ruling Elders participate and vote with the same authority as Teaching Elders of the Word and Sacrament, and they are eligible for any office.

Ruling Elders should be persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, dedication, leadership skills, and compassionate in spirit. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian Gospel, both within the church and in the world. Fifteen ruling Elders make up our church's Session, which meets the fourth Monday of each month.

Trustees shall have the following powers to:

- receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the congregation
- accept and execute deeds of title to such property
- hold and defend title to such property
- manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the congregation.

All this is done subject to the authority of the Session and under provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

A congregational meeting has been called for the election of officers on Sunday, October 22nd, at the close of worship. Nominations from the floor may also be made at that time, with the prior consent of those being nominated.

LECTIONARY READINGS

September 3

Ex. 3:1-15 and Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Jer. 15:15-21
and Ps. 26:1-8;
Rom. 12:9-21;
Matt. 16:21-28

September 10

Ex. 12:1-14 and Ps. 149;
Ezek. 33:7-11 and Ps.
119:33-40; Rom 13:8-14;
Matt. 18:15-20

September 17

Ex. 14:19-31 and Ps. 114
or Ex. 15:1b-11, 20-21;
Gen. 50:15-21
and Ps. 103:(1-7) 8-13;
Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

September 24

Ex. 16:2-15 and
Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45;
Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Ps.145:1-8;
Phil. 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16

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- 29 Nancy Estep



CHURCH COOKOUT FUN

The luncheon Sunday, August 13th was outstanding, good attendance, great hamburgers off the grill and all the fixings, plus ice cream for dessert.

Thanks to everyone who brought the good sides, and thanks to the great cooks, Todd, Bill, and Jeff and a special thanks to Joy, Nancy, Toni, Mary, Helen and Betsy, that's what made it so successful.

You are the best people in the world!

—Brenda Meadows, Service Committee

NURTURING FAITH IDEAS

September 3: This week is Labor Day. This holiday was started in the United States in the late 19th century to honor the labor movement and the contributions it made in building our country. In Exodus 3:1-15 we read that it was during Moses's work as a shepherd that God spoke to him and called him to lead his people to freedom. Who do you know whose work often goes unnoticed but who makes a significant contribution to lives? A teacher? Doctor? A stay at-home mom? Write that person a note to tell them how important the work they do is.

September 10: Romans 13:8 tells us that "he or she who loves their neighbor fulfills the law." Think of someone in your community or neighborhood you would like to bless today. Make a small basket of goodies and leave it anonymously on their porch with a special message letting them know they are loved.



September 17: In our Gospel reading today, Jesus tells Peter he should forgive one who sins against him "up to seventy times seven" times. Is there someone you need to forgive? Is there someone you need to ask to forgive you? Pray to God to help you forgive this person or to help them forgive you. How would it feel to call the person and talk about forgiveness?

September 24: In Matthew 20:1-16 Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard workers. What does grace mean to you? Have you ever received something far and above what you deserve? Who can you show grace to today?