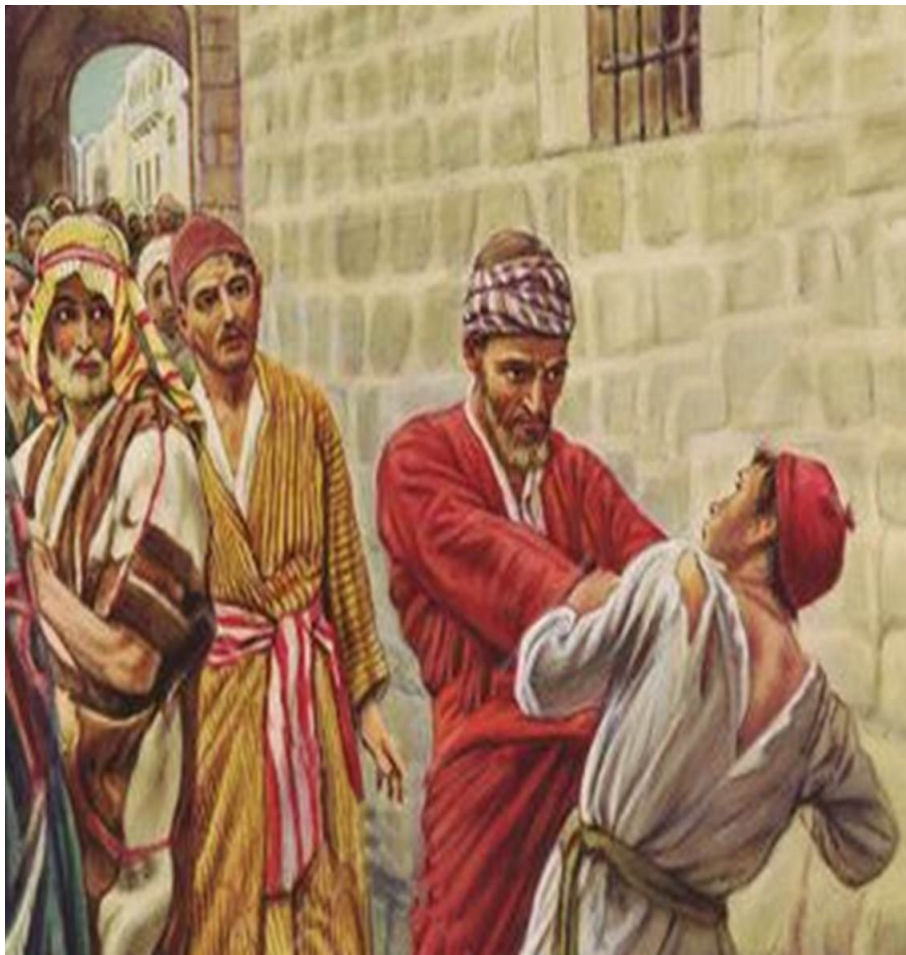




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



September 17, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Seek Ye First
Ann Lilly, flutist

Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, From Psalm 103)*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

INVOCATION

* HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us, we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us, we have not forgiven others. You have loved us. we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our 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

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Robert Lowry

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

page 48

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

page 20

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SERMON

Seventy Times Seven

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 444**

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Simple Gifts
Ann Lilly, flutist

arr. John Purifoy

- * **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 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet in the Witherspoon Room after worship.

NOMINATION FORMS for the Elder Election are available in the narthex . Please fill out and return by Sunday, October 1st.

BUDGET PLANNING SEASON is beginning for the 2024 church year. Ministry moderators should check their box in the office for the budget request letters for their committee. Congregation members will soon receive a stewardship letter and pledge card.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: Kanawha United Presbyterian Church, Charleston, Smithers Presbyterian Church and St. Marys Presbyterian Church, all in the Presbytery of West Virginia; and Gathuthi Church in the Thegenge parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to: Valerie Hartling, greeter; Marie Richmond, lay reader; Darlene McNeel, TWYD, and Justin Crump and Ross Hageman, livestream operators.

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 9:00 a.m. An electronic invitation is sent out ahead of time.

IN PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 9:45 the Witherspoon Room

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

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

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Sept 17

9 a.m. Online Sunday school

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

in Witherspoon Room

11:00 a.m.- Worship

Noon-Worship Mtg. in WR

6:30 p.m.-AA Men's Mtg.

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

MONDAY, Sept 18

TUESDAY, Sept 19

4:30 p.m.-Admin Mtg.

7:00 p.m.-AA Meeting-Ed Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, Sept 20

THURSDAY, Sept 21

FRIDAY, Sept 22

7:00 p.m.-AA Meeting-Ed Bldg.

SATURDAY, Sept 23

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