



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



November 19, 2023

25th 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 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive, From Psalm 100*)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

INVOCATION

* **HYMN 643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Eternal God, you have blessed us in so many ways. Yet we confess that we often take good things for granted. We are proud of what we accomplish, and forget your blessings. We grow proud and judgmental. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash away the stain of our sin and keep us faithful in love and in deed, living in grace and mercy, as we have been shown grace and mercy through Jesus 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 *Good and Simple Gifts* Natalie Sleeth

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 8:7-18 page 165

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 4:1-13 page 198

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

SERMON Rejoice in the Lord Always

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 367**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Offertory

Morning Has Broken

Janet Linker

* **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow*

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**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 336

We Gather Together

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Janet Linker

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.

THANKSGIVING DINNER will be today Sunday, November 19th, following worship. All are welcome. Please join the feast.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS are available in the rack in the narthex and need to be returned by Sunday, November 26th.

HANGING OF THE GREENS we will be Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.

KINGS BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held at the Beckley Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 6th. This is a nine-piece band featuring trumpets, trombones, tuba, keyboard and percussion. Admission is free. A freewill offering will be collected for the band during the concert.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God by Brenda Meadows.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: Marlinton Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church, both in the Presbytery of West Virginia; and Kagio-ini Church in the Wandumbi parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to: Lena Jane Jones, greeter; Mary Calvert, lay reader; Helen Walker, TWYD, and Justin Crump and Bill Mullins, 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

November 5

Josh. 3:7-17 and
Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37;
Micah 3:5-12 and Ps. 43:
1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matt 23:1-12

November 19

Judg. 4:1-7 and Ps. 123;
Zeph. 1:7, 12-18
and Ps. 90:1-8 (9-11), 12;
1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30

November 12

Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25
and Ps. 78:1-7;
Amos 5:18-24 and Ps. 70;
1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13

November 26

Christ the King
Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24
and Ps. 100; Ezek. 34:11-16,
20-24 and Ps. 95:1-7a;
Eph. 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Nov 19

9 a.m. Online Sunday school
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School WR
11:00 a.m.- Worship
Noon-Thanksgiving luncheon
6:30 p.m.-AA Men's Mtg.
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

MONDAY, Nov

TUESDAY, Nov

4:30 p.m.-Admin Mtg.
7:00 p.m.-AA Meeting-Ed Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, Nov

11:00 a.m.-Carpenter's Corner

THURSDAY, Nov 23

Thanksgiving Day

FRIDAY, Nov

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

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