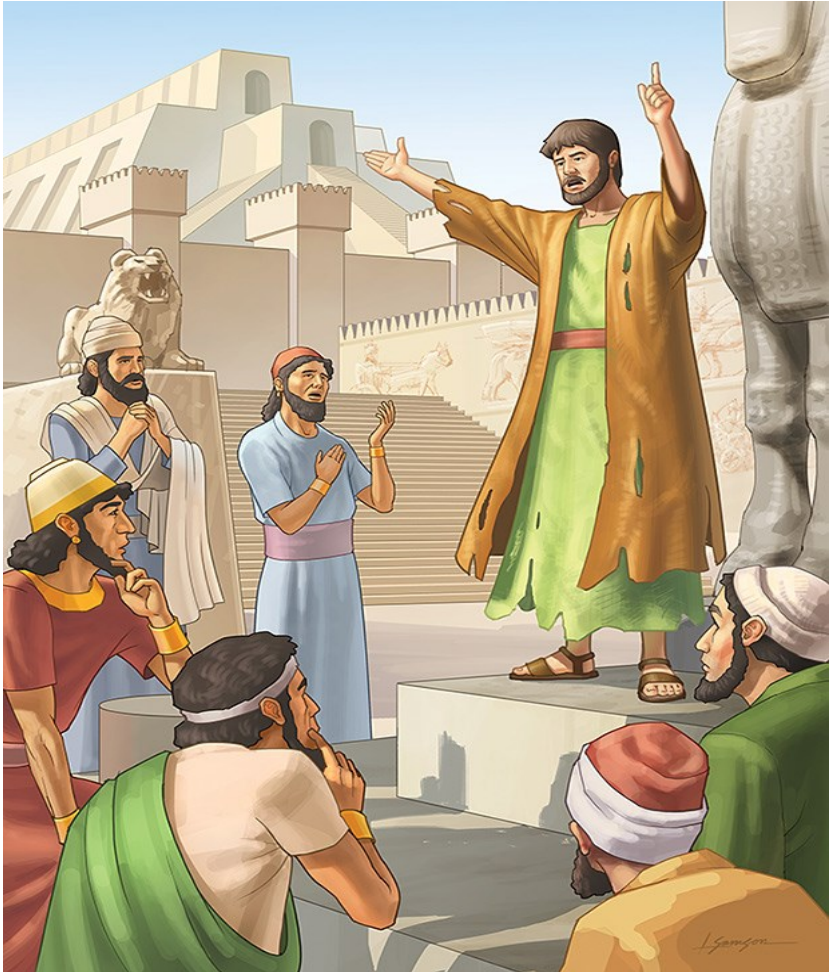




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Robert Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive, From Psalm 62*)

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

And steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

INVOCATION

* HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

* CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord

Natalie Sleeth

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3:1-10

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

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SERMON

An Eight-Word Sermon

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 410** God Is Calling through the Whisper

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Offertory

- * **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 463** How Firm a Foundation

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Westminster Abby

Richard Proulx

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.

SESSION will meet 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 22nd by zoom.

LADIES LUNCHEON will meet 10:30 a.m. this Friday, January 26th at Black Knight.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in honor and with love to my mother Isobel Bush Maddy born January 16, 1916 in Hinton, WV, by Lena Jane Jones.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: First Presbyterian Church, Mannington and Rock Forge Presbyterian Church, Morgantown, both in the Presbytery of West Virginia; and Kabiru Church in the Gaaki parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to: Mary Calvert, lay reader; Nancy Hageman, TWYD, and Ross Hageman and Justin Crump, 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

January 7

Gen. 1:1-5 and Ps. 29;
Acts 19:1-7;
Mark 1:4-11

January 14

1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20)
and Ps. 139:1-6,
13-18; 1 Cor. 6:12-20;
John 1:43-51

January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and
Ps. 62:5-12;
1 Cor. 7:29-31;
Mark 1:14-20

January 28

Deut. 18:15-20 and
Ps. 111; 1 Cor 8:1-13;
Mark 1:21-28

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Jan 21

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

MONDAY, Jan 22

11 a.m.-Staff Mtg.
6:30 p.m.-Session Mtg.

TUESDAY, Jan 23

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

WEDNESDAY, Jan 24

11 a.m.-Carpenter's Corner

6 p.m.-Handbells practice

7 p.m.-Choir practice

THURSDAY, Jan 25

FRIDAY, Jan 26

10:30 a.m.-PW meeting at BK
7:00 p.m.-AA Meeting-Ed Bldg.

SATURDAY, Jan 27

SUNDAY, Jan 28

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

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