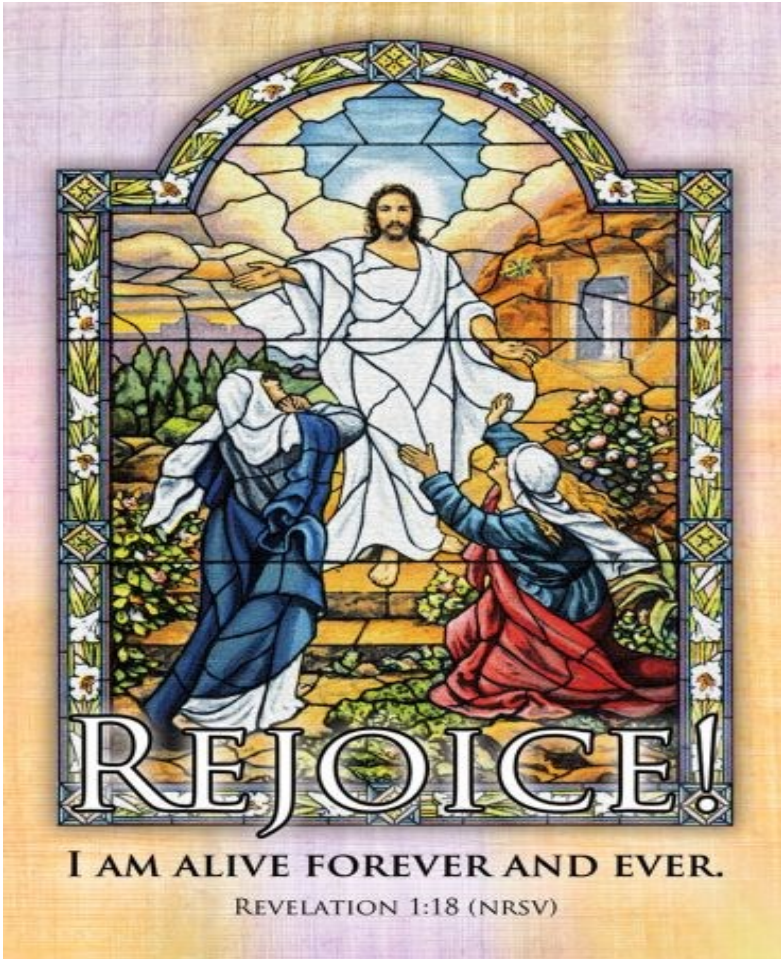




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



**March 31, 2024**

**Easter Sunday**

*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**      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*      *arr. Barbara Kinyon*  
*BPC Handbell Choir*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

This is the good news - the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**Alleluia!**

This is the good news - the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**Alleluia!**

This is the good news - once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.

**Alleluia!**

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other.

**Alleluia!**

### **RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER**

O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice.  
Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell,  
and destroyed sin and death.

**Keep us victorious over sin.**

By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from  
death to life.

**Guide us in the way of eternal life.**

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and  
executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

**Give us joy in your service.**

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women  
and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

**Direct our lives as your new creation.**

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for  
he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. Forgive us and redeem us, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to new life on this glorious new day. 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

*Joy in the Morning*

Natalie Sleeth

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

page 652

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

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**SERMON**

The Stone Is Still Rolled Away

**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 244**

This Joyful Eastertide

**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 233**

The Day of Resurrection!

# GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

## \* BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Robert J. Powell

## 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.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING** will be taken up today. This special offering of the PC(USA) helps to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

**EASTER FLOWERS** may be picked up after the worship service.

**CROSSES** from Bethlehem made from Holy Land olive wood, are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please take one. Thank you to Carol Mestrovic for providing the crosses.

**A LUNCHEON** will be held on Sunday, April 14, immediately after worship. All are welcome. The luncheon is sponsored by the Sunday School program. A housewarming for Ed and Angie Houck will follow the luncheon.

**GRADUATES WANTED** If you know someone graduating this year and would like to honor them in an upcoming Pipe Line, please email the church office at [office@beckleypres.org](mailto:office@beckleypres.org) with information.

**THE PASTOR'S PODCAST** is available on the church Facebook page. New episodes are posted each Tuesday.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out to these churches today: First Presbyterian Church, Ripley and Waverly-Bethel Presbyterian Church, Waverly both in the Presbytery of West Virginia; and Wamagana Church and Nurse-y School in the Giakanja parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

**OUR THANKS** to: Mary Calvert, lay reader; Jennifer Blankenship, TWYD and Jennifer Mitchell and Paul Wykle, 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

### March 31

Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9 and  
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11 or

Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or  
Mark 16:1-8; Easter Evening: Isa.  
25:6-9 and Ps. 114: 1 Cor. 5:6b-8;  
Luke 24:13-49

### April 7

Acts 4:32-35; Ps. 133;  
or Isa. 65:17-25 And Ps. 3: 1 John  
1:1-2; John 20:19-31

### April 14

Acts 3:12-19; Ps. 4; or Isa. 6:1-9a and  
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

### April 21

Acts 4:5-12; Ps. 23; or Zech. 10:1-12  
and 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

### April 28

Acts 8:26-40; Ps. 22:25-31, Ex. 19:1-6  
and Ps. 118:19-25; 1 John 4:7-21;  
John 15:1-8

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, Mar 31

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, Apr 1

*Office Closed*

### TUESDAY, Apr 2

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

### WEDNESDAY, Apr 3

6 p.m.-Handbells practice  
7 p.m.-Choir practice

### THURSDAY, Apr 4

### FRIDAY, Apr 5

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

### SATURDAY, Apr 6

### SUNDAY, Apr 7

9 a.m. Online Sunday school  
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**Property**-Bob Mestrovic

**Worship**-Al Combs

**Service**-Brenda Meadows and Betsy Gilmer

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Betsy Gilmer  
Bill Mullins  
Ann Worley

**Class of 2025**

Mary Calvert  
Brenda Meadows  
Bob Mestrovic  
Billy Richmond

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Dan Akers  
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