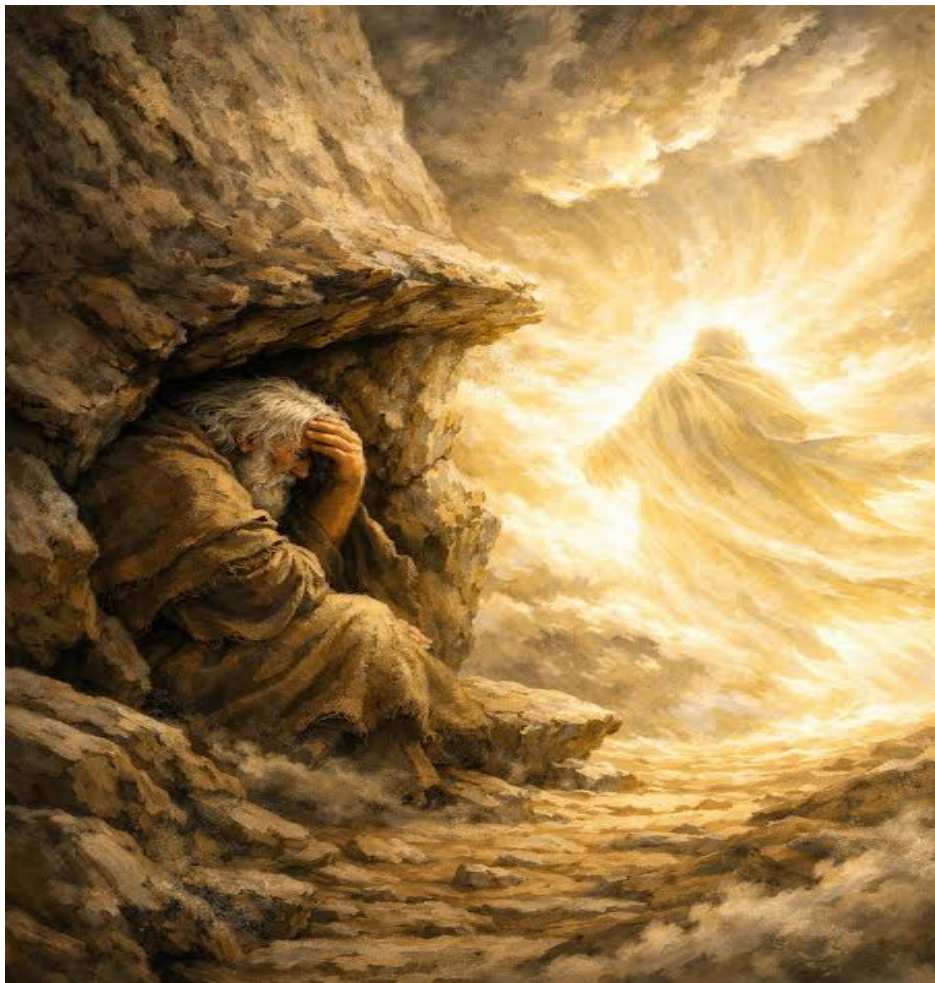




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



October 18, 2026

21st. 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

Quiet Praise
BPC Bell Choir

Dan Edwards

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, from Psalm 96)*

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Together)*

Source of all things, we cannot comprehend the mystery of life in all its many forms, the discoveries we are allowed to make, the sweep of knowledge entrusted to our use, the amazing resources of this planet all speak of a God who cares and provides for our salvation. Let this time of worship honor you and equip us to do your will. Amen.

- * HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Reigning God, we confess that we, like the disciples James and John, seek places of honor, privilege, and reward. We compare ourselves with others to our advantage. We want privilege without pain and greatness without the hard work. We talk about serving you, but we do not want the rank of servant. Forgive us. Help us to commit to what we can do in your name. Amen.

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- 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.**

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- 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 The Church's One Foundation Layton James

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 33:12-23 page 80

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 22:15-22 page 24

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

SERMON Dual Citizenship

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 720** Jesus Call Us

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 546** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart

POSTLUDE Jubilant Recessional J. Wayne Kerr

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.

ADMINISTRATION MEETING will be 4 p.m this Tuesday, October 20 in the Witherspoon Room.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held after worship on Sunday, October 25 to elect new officers to the class of 2029. We will also consider the Session's recommendation that the congregation sell its interest in coal rights left to the church through an estate. The church is one of several entities that owns a percentage of the property. The negotiated sales price is \$40,000.

ALL SAINTS' DAY will be Sunday, November 2. This service honors the saints of Beckley Presbyterian Church who have passed away during the past year.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY will be Sunday, November 8. Bring your stewardship commitment card to be placed in the box during worship. Extra cards available in the narthex.

SHOE BOXES for Operation Christmas Child are available in the back of the sanctuary, along with information on how to prepare the boxes. Deadline to return the boxes is November 14. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Hageman at 304-255-2336.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: Philippi Presbyterian Church and Pineville Presbyterian Church, both in the Presbytery of West Virginia; and Mathakwaini Church in the Thegenge Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to: Ross Hageman, lay reader; Jennifer Blankenship, TWYD; and Bill Mullins and Luke Scarbro, livestream operators.

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 9:00 a.m.

IN PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Witherspoon Room.

NURSERY CARE will be provided today in the Witherspoon Room.

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

October 4

Ex. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
and Ps. 19; Isa. 5:1-7
and Ps. 80:7-15;
Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

October 11

Ex. 32:1-14 and Ps. 106:1-6,
19-23; Isa. 25:1-9 and Ps. 23;
Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

October 18

Ex. 33:12-23 and Ps. 99;
Isa. 45:1-7 and Ps. 96:1-9
(10-13); 1 Thess. 1:1-10;
Matt. 22:15-22

October 25

Deut. 34:1-12 and Ps. 90:1-6,
13-17; Lev. 19:1-2, 15-18
and Ps. 1; 1 Thess. 2:1-8;
Mat. 22:34-46

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Oct 18

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

MONDAY, Oct 19

TUESDAY, Oct 20

4 p.m.-Admin. Meeting-WR
7 p.m.-AA Meeting-FH.

WEDNESDAY, Oct 21

Noon-AA Meeting-FH

THURSDAY, Oct 22

FRIDAY, Oct 23

7 p.m.-AA Meeting-FH

SATURDAY, Oct 24

SUNDAY, Oct 25

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

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Education

Worship-Mary Calvert

Property-Dwight Smith

Service-Lynne Clowers, Patricia Lester, Karen Reed

SESSION

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Dan Akers

Jennifer Blankenship

Clyde Smith

Scott VanMeter

Class of 2027

Lynne Clowers

Bill Mullins

Karen Reed

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