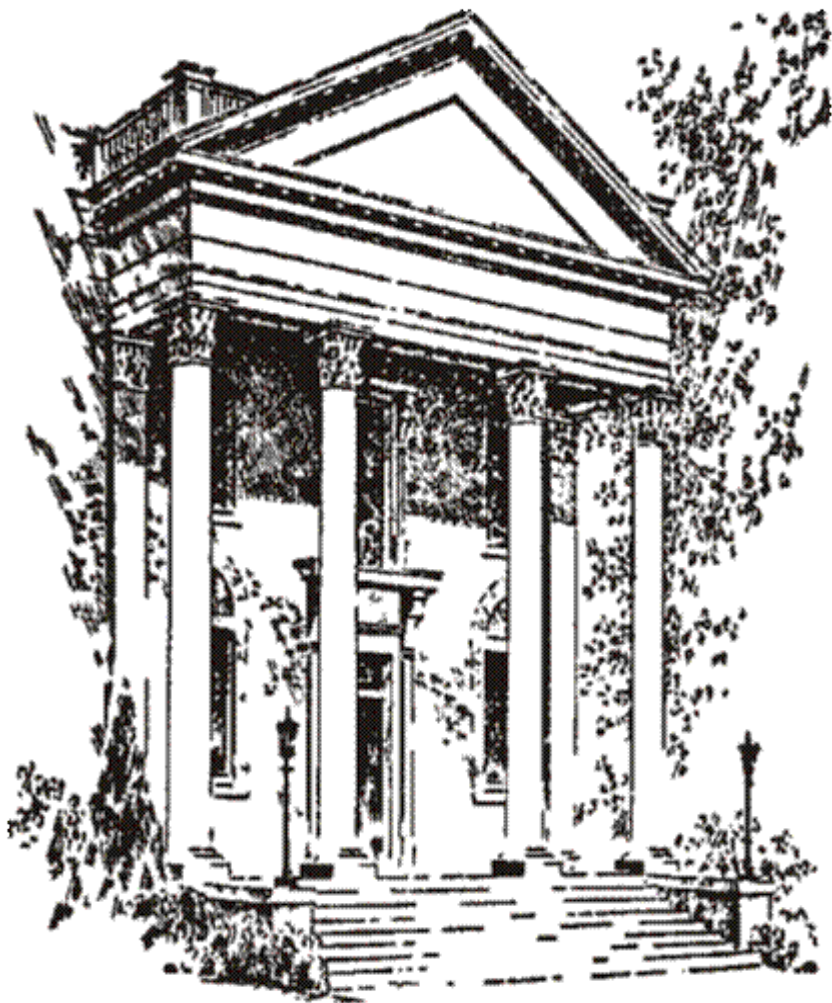




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



September 17, 2017
15th Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Promised Land

Sam Batt Owens

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ross Hageman

(Responsive; Exodus 15:2; Matthew 18:35)

One: Give praise to God!

Many: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves. . . .

One: It is God who forgives. . . .

It is God who delivers. . . .

Many: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Together; Exodus 15:1-2)*

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.

* **HYMN 463**

How Firm a Foundation

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Together; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:28-30)*

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.

* **HYMN 551** *Lord Have Mercy* Kyrie Eleison
**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**
(Responsive; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:27,33)

One: People of God, our sins are forgiven.
**Many: God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. We
are reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and
love through Christ our Lord.**

* **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.
Please greet or respond to one another;
The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

* **HYMN 581** **Glory Be to the Father** Response
**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.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *I Will Arise* Joseph Martin

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Nancy Hageman

We invite children and youth ages 3 through 8th Grade to come forward
for a special message. Afterwards, a nursery is provided for children 5 and under.

The Lord's Prayer (*Together*)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Psalm 119:34; Matthew 18:20*)

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 14:1-12

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“What Kind of Fitness”

* **HYMN 822**

When We Are Living

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS *(Insert)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Participatory; A time of silence follows each petition.)*

All-knowing God, you know our needs before we name them in prayer.

All-caring God, you care enough to hear our prayers anyway, knowing that all we truly need is your love.

All-loving God, hear now these prayers that name the needs of your people:

We your people need health ... *(illness, surgery, addiction; where healing is a particular need).*

We your people need peace ... *(war, abuse, conflict; where is peace).*

We your people need hope ... *(job loss, divorce, prejudice; where hope is a particular need).*

We your people need blessing ... *(marriage, birth, new beginnings; where blessing is a particular need).*

Your whole creation needs your powerful presence.

All-powerful God, the need is so great; we rejoice that you are greater.

(Together) **Hear these prayers and other prayers offered in silence always in the name of a God who loves us all. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING (Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew.

At this time you may also fill out the encouragement cards located in the back of the pews and place them in the collection plate.)

Offertory

Solemn Thought

Sam Batt Owens

* **HYMN 606** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* Doxology

**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** (*Together; Romans 13:11*)

God of our salvation, we know what time it is—
time to wake from sleep and to turn from selfishness.
We offer now our time, our talents, and our resources
to be used for your good purposes and all for love's sake.
Through Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* **CHARGE**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE AND BLESSING**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*If you are able, please stand for items marked **
Portions in bold type are for congregational participation.

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.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in memory of their parents: Alan U. Hageman, Leona K. Hageman Loftus, William Loftus, Raymond A. and Mary Judson by Ross and Nancy Hageman

PRESBYTERY DISASTER RELIEF to send supplies check out <https://www.nvoad.org/hurricane-harvey/hurricane-harveyhow-to-help/>. They will know what is needed, when, where and why. To Donate money send a check to Presbytery of WV, 520 2nd Ave, South Charleston, WV 25303 write "for flood relief" in the memo. You can also volunteer in WV by calling WVMAW (304)846-2294.

THESE DAYS daily devotional for living by faith are available in the office. Pick up you copy today.

CENTS-ABILITY AND FOOD FOR HELPING HANDS will be taken up today.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today First Presbyterian Church, Kingwood and Mount Hope Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Gathuthi Church in the Thegenge Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Pastor Jim for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Ross Hageman Lay Reader, Nancy Hageman Time for Young Disciples Leader , Carol Mestrovic Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeters Terry and Cheryl McGill.

ELDERS ON CALL

Sept 17-23—Mac Tiech and Mary Calvert

Sept 24-30—Nancy Cameron

SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9:45 a.m. Children and youth classes are held in the Educational Building on the upper floor. *The Present Word Class* meets in Friendship Hall.

FELLOWSHIP and refreshments are available in the Witherspoon Room during the Sunday School hour.

NURSERY CARE is provided in the Educational Building from 9:30 a.m. to noon for newborn to age 5.

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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 17

Cents-Ability Offering and Food
For Helping Hands
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
10:55 a.m. - Worship-Installation and
Ordination of Elders
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

THURSDAY, September 21

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
6:00 p.m.-Handbells
7:15 p.m.-Choir

FRIDAY, September 22

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

MONDAY, September 18

Pastor Jim Out of Town
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
5:30 p.m.-Ministry of Church Growth-
Witherspoon Room

SUNDAY, September 24

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
10:55 a.m. - Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

TUESDAY, September 19

Pastor Jim Out of Town
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, September 20

12:00 p.m.-Jim's Brown Bag Group-
Fellowship Hall
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg
3:15 p.m.-Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m.-Ministry of Admin. Mtg-
Witherspoon Room

“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.”

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