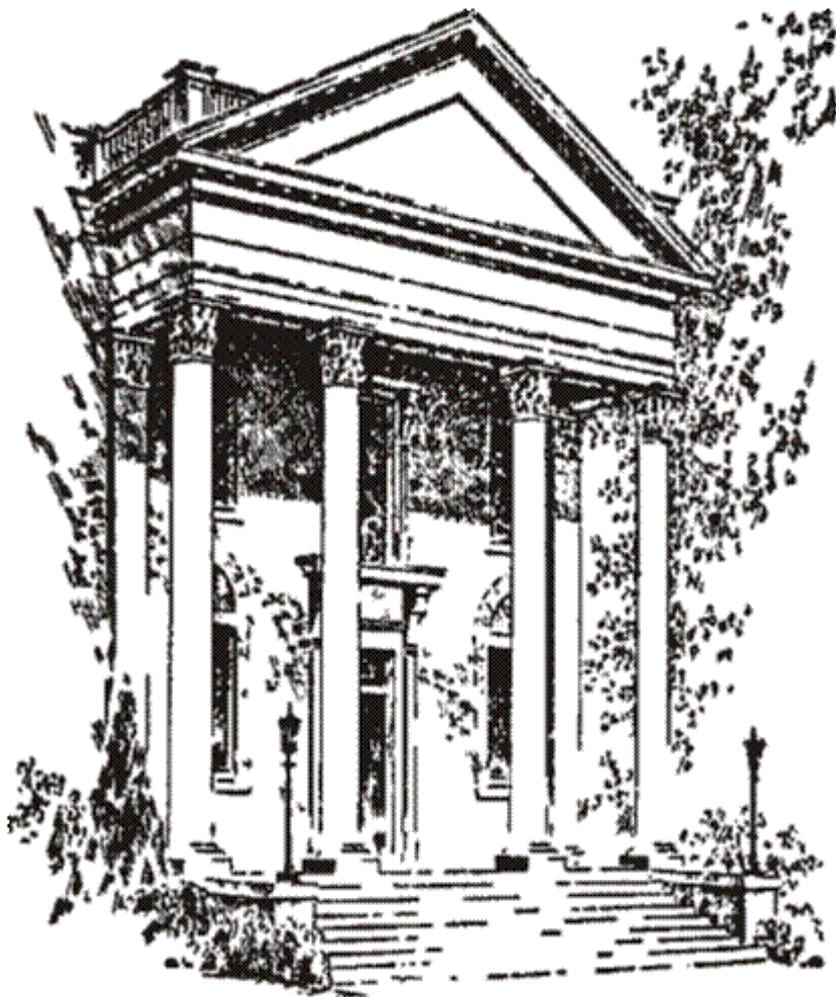




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



September 24, 2017
16th Sunday After Pentecost

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Forest Green*

Edgar Harrison

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Hartling

(Responsive; Jonah 3:10–4:11; Psalm. 145:2, 8; Mathew. 20:1–16; Philippians 1:21–30)

One: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

Many: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: Whether we are long-timers or late-comers in the life of faith,

Many: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

Many: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We praise God's name forever and ever!

* HYMN 396

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

* CALL TO CONFESSION *(Philippians 1:27)*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together; Ps. 145:7; Jonah 3:10–4:11; Matt. 20:1–16)*

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others.

We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own.

Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us.

Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity.

Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you.

May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen. (Silence is keep)

* **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** (*Philippians 1:29*)
One: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace
 beyond our ability to earn it.
Many: **God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ;
 therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people!
 God is with us! Thanks be to God!**

* **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 *Give Me Jesus* Traditional Spiritual

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Darlene McNeel

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*) Page 35

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Exodus 16:4*)

OLD TESTAMENT Jonah 3:10-4:11 Page 861

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN 712**

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

NEW TESTAMENT Philippians 1:21-30(*Responsive Reading*) Page 196

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in The flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷**Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For Them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.**

²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of Believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are Having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16 (read by youth)

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Unhappy”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* **STATEMENT OF FAITH** *“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.

PASTOR'S PRAYER and PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
(Response: In Joy or in sadness...., we do not walk alone.)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *(Psalm 78:4)*

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 Reflection on *Holy Manna* Edgar Harrison

- * **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)*

O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world and prepare us for your coming kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

- * **HYMN 729** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

- * **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

- * **CHORAL RESPONSE 729** *Lord, I Want to Be More Loving*

POSTLUDE Sortie on *Promised Land* Sam Batt Owens

GO IN PEACE!

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 loving memory of her mother and father Christine and Leslie E. Lilly by Judy Harrah and children Shannon and Andrew.

PRESBYTERY DISASTER RELIEF to send supplies check out <https://www.nvoad.org/hurricane-harvey/hurricane-harveyhow-to-help/>. They will know what is needed.

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

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be taken up next Sunday.

THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER has started meeting again. If you are interested in joining them they meet on Tuesday's at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILI NIGHT Join us October 7th for Chili Night... an opportunity for an evening of fun downtown! This year we will be giving the WVU Tech students a warm welcome! Beckley Presbyterian Church will be serving homemade pepperoni rolls and YOU are asked to make a batch from your favorite recipe! For a sweet treat we are also making fudge. Since there are several versions you can be as creative as your recipe allows! The color theme will be fall colors so wear a black outfit with an orange bandana. We will gather at 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall to begin preparation for setting up the booth downtown. Those willing to help please come to help transport and set up 2 tables, the tent and the pepperoni rolls and fudge! The actual event will start at 5:00 and end around 8:00. Any questions call Peggy 304-923-4822.

OUR PRAYERS go out to Carol Mestrovic and family on the death of her mother Elizabeth Walker and to Betty Klingensmith and family on the death of her husband Walter Klingensmith. Please keep these families in your prayers in the coming week with cards and remembrances.

OUR THANKS to Nancy Estep for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Bill Hartling Lay Reader, Darlene McNeel Time for Young Disciples Leader, Nancy Hageman Nursery Assistant, and to this week's greeters Don and Debbie Goodson.

ELDERS ON CALL

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 24

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

THURSDAY, September 28

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

MONDAY, September 25

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
6:00 p.m.-Session

FRIDAY, September 29

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

TUESDAY, September 26

6:30 p.m.-Ministry of Worship-
Witherspoon Rm
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts-
Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

SUNDAY, October 1

Peace and Global Witness Offering
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
10:55 a.m - Worship with Communion
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

WEDNESDAY, September 27

Pipe Line
11:00 a.m.-The Carpenter's Corner
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

Prayers for churches today: Parsons Presbyterian Church, Smithers Presbyterian Church, and St. Marys's Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Hu-buini Church in the Thegenge Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

