



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



**December 17, 2017**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

*"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.*

## GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

## WE GATHER AND CONFESS

**PRELUDE**      *Blessed Be That Maide Marie*      Olive Nelson Russell

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**      Robin & Peggy Debnam

Response with Cantor—*O Antiphon*

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

*(Unison prayer, Lighting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Candle, the Candle of Joy)*

Let us pray together . . . **Holy Lord, let us look with joyful anticipation toward the birth of Jesus. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to do the spiritual exercises needed to offer Jesus to the world in which we live. In this season, help us to loosen the things that tie us to the superfluous, rather let us find ourselves in you. For the sake of Christ Jesus, we pray, Amen.**

\* **HYMN 129**      *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

\* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (*Psalm 126:1, 4*)      Nelle Calvert

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together; 1 Thessalonians 5:19, 20, 22; John 3:19, Isaiah 61:11*)

**Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil?**

**You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us?**

**You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself; why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you?**

**You have sent the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light?**

**Forgive us. Restore us.**

**Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.** (*Silence is kept.*)

\* **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 and LOVE** (*Psalm 126:3,6*  
*adpt JDB*)

**In Jesus Christ, the Lord has done great things for us!**  
**Even if we have gone out in tears, God brings us home**  
**shouting for joy. Thanks be to God: we are loved and forgiven.**  
**God is with us!**

\* **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.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**ANTHEM** *Magnificat* James Chepponis

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Kedric & Luke

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

**THE OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Page 691  
 Psalm 126 Page 572

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**THE GOSPEL**

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Looking for the light of Joy”-Two Babies”

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\* **STATEMENT OF FAITH** “The Nicene Creed” (*Responsive*)

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION**

Youth Fundraiser Meal

**PASTORS PRAYER** for Orphanages and Children’s homes

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*...In Joy or in sadness; we do not walk alone.*

# INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERING

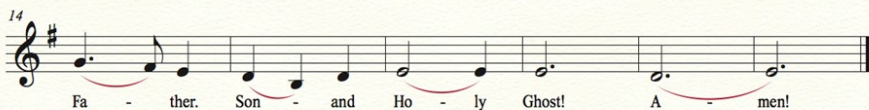
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew. At this time you may also fill out the Encouragement Cards located in the back of the pews and place them in the collection plate.

Offertory

*A Virgin Unspotted*

Olive Nelson Russell

## DOXOLOGY



- \* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*Together; 1 Thessalonians 5:18, 23b*)  
Gracious God, teach us to give thanks in all circumstances, for you are always with us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing what we have with others, of giving ourselves away in love, and of receiving the gifts that others share with us. With our whole being, spirit and soul and body, we rejoice in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

- \* **HYMN 99** *My Soul Gives Glory to My God*
- \* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**
- \* **CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN 102** *Savior of the Nations, Come*

At this time Pastor Jim will be at the Baptism Font with oil for healing, anointing or personal prayer.

**GO IN PEACE!**

**THE POINSETTIAS**  
*in the sanctuary are placed this morning*  
**To the Glory of God and**

***In Celebration***

*Wishing a joyous holiday season to all our friends and family at Beckley  
Presbyterian Church by Dan and Mary Calvert  
The Christmas Season by Jerry and Margaret Ann Bays  
The Birth of Christ Jesus and the Beautiful Christmas Season  
by Marcia Fairlie*

***In Honor of***

*Our Grandchildren Trip, Millie, and Tucker by Rich and Nancy Kissinger  
Dolly Johnson and Mary Stevenson by Leslie and Lena Cox  
Two special ladies at the Beckley Presbyterian Church, Helen Walker and  
Lynne Clowers by Brenda Meadows.  
The A Team at Carpenter's Corner, Billie Green, Betsy Gilmer, Debbie  
Goodson, Vickie Hancock, Denis Moore, Melinda and Mac Tieche and  
Brenda Wally by Scott and Cindy Worley  
Those who Minister in Music by Tim Waugh*

***In Loving Memory of***

*Our Parents Roy McGill, Mary Jo and Presley Smith  
by Terry and Cheryl McGill  
Our Parents Tom Elkin, Peggy and Ronnie Hughes, Steve and Wilma Sotak  
by Dave and Nancy Sotak  
Cookie Sotak Zorich by Dave and Nancy Sotak  
Roderic Branford by Kedric Branford  
Cam and Odessa Lewis, Cam and Susan Lewis by the Lewis Family  
Cam Lewis by Marie Lewis  
Albert Tieche, David Tieche, Doug Gilmer, Rich Bland and Jim Bland  
by Mac Tieche and Melinda Bland-Tieche  
Their Brother Mike Martin who loved the holiday season  
by Scott and Cindy Worley  
Hazel Magee and Walter Klingensmith by Leslie and Lena Cox  
Tom Bailey Jr. by Toni Bailey  
Clyde and Mary Cape Smith by Clyde and Cathy Smith  
Mancel and Evelyn Smith by Clyde and Cathy Smith  
My husband Walt Klingensmith by Betty Klingensmith  
Dan Stevenson Velma Boblett, my parents and brothers and sisters  
by Nancy Estep  
Our Parents Freda Wilgus and Neil and Brenda Kissinger  
by Rich and Nancy Kissinger*

## ELDERS ON CALL

**Dec 3-9**—Ross Hageman and Betsy Gilmer

**Dec 10-16**—Drema Davis and Mac Tieche

**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. Pastor Jim's class will meet in the Chapel.

**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.

## 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 our Pastor Jim Burton. His information is available on the back of the bulletin.

**HO! HO! HO!** We have a nicely bound collection of Beckley Presbyterian Church recipes for you! They are \$20.00 and available in the church office.

**YOUTH LUNCHEON** and silent action will be today following church to raise money for next years mission trip. Lunch provided and donations greatly appreciated.

**THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE** will be on Wednesday, December 20th at 7 p.m. for those who feel loss or heavy with burden come and lift them up and find peace during the season.

**HELPING HANDS** we are going to be collecting Toilet Paper during December in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out today to First Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, Highlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans and First Presbyterian Church, Whitesville in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Wandumbi Special School in the Wandumbi Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

**OUR THANKS** to Karen Reed for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Nelle Calvert Lay Reader, to Kedric Branford and Luke Feldhake Time for Young Disciples Leaders, Robin Feldhake Nursery Assistant, to this week's greeter Nancy Estep.

## STAFF

The Reverend Jim Burton, Pastor, Ext. 6  
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## CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, December 17**

*3rd Sunday of Advent*  
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. - Worship  
12:00 p.m.-Youth Luncheon and  
Silent Auction-Fellowship Hall  
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

### **MONDAY, December 18**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **TUESDAY, December 19**

6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts  
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **WEDNESDAY, December 20**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg  
6:00 p.m.-Handbells  
7:00 p.m.-Longest Night Service  
8:15 p.m.-Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, December 21**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

### **FRIDAY, December 22**

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

### **SUNDAY, December 24**

4th Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Eve  
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:55 a.m.-Worship/Holy Communion  
6:00 p.m.-Choir and Bells  
7:00 p.m. Evening Service/Holy  
Communion-Intinction  
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio