



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



First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2017
1st 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 *Noel sur le Bas-Queray (Des Oiseaux)* L-C Daquin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Marie Lewis & Family

Response with Cantor—*O Antiphon*

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

(Unison prayer, Lighting the 1st Advent Candle, the Candle of Hope)

Let us pray together **O God, as we begin worship this morning, we search for the Light of Hope. Let it be more than a flicker within our hearts. Let is be the thirst within our souls to be your faithful loving children. Amen.**

* **HYMN 102** *Savior of the Nations, Come*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (*Isaiah 64:6b*) Peggy White

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together; Isaiah 64:5b, 7; Psalm 80:2-7; Isaiah 64:8*)

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out — against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. In Jesus' 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** (1 Corinthians 1:4, 8; 9; adapt JDB)

The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again.

Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord! Our sins are forgiven and 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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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 (Mark 13:31; Isaiah 40:8, 64:4; Mark 13:30, 35)

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 64:1-9

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN 81**

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Foundations”

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

PASTORS PRAYER

Suicide prevention

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

Noel on *Forest Green*

Beathan McUaughlin

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow — Praise God all
crea - tures here be - low Praise God a - bove — ye heav' - nly hosts — Praise
Fa - ther. Son - and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Together; 1 Corinthians 1:5–8)*

Faithful God, we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place until he comes again in the fullness of glory. Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts; increase generosity in us, we pray, as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN 105

People Look East

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN 84

Creator Of the Stars of Night

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! Are you looking for a little gift for a special someone. We have a nicely bound collection of Beckley Presbyterian Church recipes for you! They are \$20.00 and available in the church office. Get your copy or a copy as a gift today!

HELPING HANDS for the month we are going to be collecting Toilet Paper. We will be taking it up all Sunday's in December in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

ADOPT-A-CHILD we are taking up monetary donations for children at the Raleigh County Headstart this year. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be placed in the offering plate.

OUR PRAYERS go out today to Pickens Presbyterian Church, Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans, and The Staff of the Presbytery of West Virginia in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Muthuaini Church in the Wandumbi Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Lynn Clowers for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Peggy White Lay Reader, to Nancy Hageman Time for Young Disciples Leader, Ann Worley Nursery Assistant, to this week's greeter Lynn Clowers.

STAFF

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 3

1st Sunday of Advent
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
10:55 a.m. - Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, December 4

9:30 a.m.-PW Coordinating Team-
Witherspoon Room
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, December 5

9:00 a.m.-Shepherd's Center
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, December 6

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg
12:00 p.m.-PW Circle Luncheon -
With Trinity Church

THURSDAY, December 7

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

FRIDAY, December 8

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

SATURDAY, December 9

11:00 a.m.-Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal
12:00 p.m.-PW Circle Luncheon-
Fellowship Hall
12:15 p.m.-Choir Dress Rehearsal

SUNDAY, December 10

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
10:55 a.m.-Worship/Baptism
7:00 p.m.-White Christmas
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio