



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

*Fourth*



SUNDAY

IN LENT

March 31, 2019  
4th Sunday in Lent

*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

*Aria for Handbells*  
BPC Handbells

Dale Wood

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Come as you are, broken and burdened,  
**and find healing in God's goodness.**

Come as you are, gifted and beloved,  
**and find purpose in God's calling.**

Come as you are, weary and wary,  
**and find comfort in God's embrace.**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
**and worship God with gladness**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Together)*

Gracious God, seeker of the lost: draw your children back to your loving embrace, restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons, and reconcile our hearts to you, that we may become ambassadors of your reconciling love to all the world. Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

### \* HYMN 23

*God You Spin the Whirling Planets*

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

Dan Calvert

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

On this very day, Waiting God, we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those we call 'outsiders.' We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make, but hope you will ignore our foolish choices.

Celebrating God, before we come to our senses, we find you running towards us, sweeping us up in your arms, tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession, a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limitations on your grace, no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home. (*Silent confession*)

\* **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.**

\* **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 Hymn 384** *Soon and Very Soon* Crouch/Shrader

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Helen Walker

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** Psalm 32 Page 506

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

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**SERMON**

The Prodigal

\* **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 649**

*Amazing Grace*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO THE 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.

**OFFERING**

**Offertory**

*Steal Away to Jesus*  
BPC Choir

Traditional Spiritual



## 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.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out to these churches today Mill Creek Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church, Huntington in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Wamagana Church & Nursery School in the Giakanja Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS** are available in the Narthex and need to be returned along with the payment by Sunday, April 14.

**OPEN FLOWER DATES** are available, please contact Betsy Gilmer (304)253-8923 if you would like to place flowers on the alter in memory or honor of someone.

**NOMINATING FORMS** for the **class of 2021-2022** are available in the Narthex. Please take one along with a list of confirmed member and return by Sunday, April 7th.

**HELPING HANDS** we are once again collecting toilet paper and soap for helping hands this month. You may drop it off at the baskets in the back of the sanctuary.

**LENTEN SERVICE** the next Lenten Service will be Wednesday, April 3rd at noon at St. Francis DeSales. The following week it will be held here at Beckley Presbyterian.

**OUR THANKS** to Dan Calvert Lay Reader , Helen Walker Time for Young Disciples Leader , Rachel McNeel Nursery Assistant and to this week's greeter Sue Shaffer.

### **Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule at Noon**

Wednesday, April 3rd—Saint Francis DeSales, Beckley

Wednesday, April 10th—Beckley Presbyterian Church

## ELDERS ON CALL

**Mar 30-Apr 6**-Nancy Cameron

**Apr 7-13**-Mac Tieche and Betsy Gilmer

**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, March 31**

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

### **MONDAY, April 1**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **TUESDAY, April 2**

9:00 a.m.-Shepherds Center mtg.  
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts  
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **WEDNESDAY, April 3**

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

### **THURSDAY, April 4**

10:00 PW Meeting  
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.  
6:00 p.m.-Choir  
7:15 p.m.-Handbells

### **FRIDAY, April 5**

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

### **SATURDAY, April 6**

*Festival of Faith-Charleston*

### **SUNDAY, April 7**

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. - Worship  
12:00 p.m.-Fellowship Luncheon  
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

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## Ministry Moderators

**Administration**-Clyde Smith

**Congregational Care**-Karen Reed

**Christian Ed/Campus Ministry**-Dave Sotak

**Property**-Mac Tieche

**Church Growth/Service**-Drema Davis

**Worship**-Bill Hartling

## SESSION

### Class of 2018-2019

Nancy Cameron

Bill Hartling

Karen Reed

Clyde Smith

Mac Tieche

### Class of 2019-2020

Al Combs

Betsy Gilmer

Drema Davis

Mary Calvert

David Sotak

### Class of 2020-2021

Daniel Calvert

Marcia Fairlie

Ross Hageman

Marie Lewis

Barbara Yurick

Youth Representative

Kedric Branford

(one year term)

Rev. Monte Mitchell, Moderator

Dan Calvert, Clerk of Session

## MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY BECKLEY PRESBYTERIAN

Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan in Bangladesh

Rev. Dori Kay Hjalmarson, Honduras