



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



December 1, 2019
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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

Timothy Waugh

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Mestrovic Family: We light this candle in hope.

All: With the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, we watch and wait for the coming of Christ who will bring light and peace to all the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, Psalm 122)*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem...

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

INVOCATION

* **HYMN 88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* *(verses 1-4)*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Together)*

Holy God, we stand with empty hands, foolishly believing we could purchase or borrow what was needed at the last minute. We are unprepared to light the way or to enter into the holy feast.

We confess that we have depended on others to do our

thinking for us, that we have counted on others to carry our obligations. We duck responsibility, avoid a calling, hide from a beckoning God. And we hope someone else walks the lonesome road for us.

Wise Friend, strong Companion, place in us a watchful spirit and a ready heart so we may live fully and be our truest selves. Amen

* **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 Advent Processional John Ferguson

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Lord's Prayer (*Together*) Page 35

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 2: 1-5 Page 631

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

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SERMON

Almost

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* **AFFIRMATION** from A Brief Statement of Faith (*Together*)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* **HYMN 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Offertory *Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland* Jan Peterszoon Sweelink

* **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* 606

**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 THANKSGIVING**

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN 97** *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless and Keep You* Lutkin

POSTLUDE *Eager Now, His Race to Run* Timothy Waugh

GO IN PEACE!

THE POINSETTIAS

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

In Celebration of

*The birth of our Lord Jesus and the beauty and joy of the Christmas season
by Marcia Fairlie*

Grateful for the birth of Jesus by Martha and Bill Rucker

Susan Stevenson Landis by Judy, Shannon and Andrew Harrah

The life of Karen Berg Gallagher by Judy, Shannon and Andrew Harrah

In Honor of

*My children daughter Missie White and son Paul White and his
wife Raye by Peggy White*

The birth of our Lord and Savior by John and Patricia Lester

My children and grandchildren by Nancy Kissinger

Our families by Terry and Cheryl McGill

Patricia Rucker by Bill and Martha Rucker

Madalyn DiGiulian and her work in Africa by Leslie and Lena Cox

In Loving Memory of

*Our parents Tom Elkin, Peggy Elkin Hughes and Ronnie Hughes
by Nancy and Dave Sotak*

Our parents Steve and Wilma Sotak by Nancy and Dave Sotak

Ned and Pauline Ragland by Buzz and Judy Ragland

Clarence and Sarah Kesler by Buzz and Judy Ragland

Thomas C. Bailey Jr. by Toni Bailey

*Our parents Jean and Miles Hogg and Bill and Lucille Cameron
by Nancy and Bill Cameron*

*Raymond and Mary Judson and Alan and Leona Hageman
by Ross & Nancy Hageman*

*My beloved husband Bill, daughter Paula, sisters Mildred & Joanne,
brother Paul and my mother & dad by June Morris*

My husband Art Shaffer by Susan Shaffer

*Mr. Sam Jones, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Wanless Goodson
by Don & Debbie Goodson*

My parents George and Freda Wilgus by Nancy Kissinger

Charlie and Laura Beth Mitchell by Monte and Jennifer Mitchell

Gene and Betty Mitchell by Monte and Jennifer Mitchell

Cam and Susan Lewis and Cam and Odessa Lewis by Marie Lewis

*My parents Rev. Robert S. Newcomb and Martha Newcomb
by Marie Lewis*

*My father Roderick Branford and my grandmother Robbie Cartwright
by Kedric Branford*

My mother Effie McElmurray by Martha & Bill Rucker

Bobbie Bair Short by Cathy Akers

*Hazel P. Mogee, Carolyn's mother and Chuck's "best friend"
by Chuck and Carolyn Lucas*

My parents Harry & Marjorie Callaway by Dwight & Becky Smith

*My parents J. W. "Woody" & Merle "Kewpie" Smith
by Dwight & Becky Smith*

Leslie and Christine Lilly by Judy, Shannon and Andrew Harrah

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Dec 1

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
11:00 a.m.- Worship
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, Dec 2

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, Dec 3

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec 4

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
6:00 p.m.-Hanging of the Greens

THURSDAY, Dec 5

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

FRIDAY, Dec 6

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

SATURDAY, Dec 7

Parade Beckley

SUNDAY, Dec 8

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
12:00 p.m.-Fellowship Luncheon
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON will be next Sunday, December 8th following worship. Please join us downstairs in the fellowship Hall.

HANGING OF THE GREENS will be this **Wednesday, December 4th**. Everyone is welcome to join and help to make our beautiful church festive for the holiday season. Dinner will start at 6:00 and decorating to follow.

COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES needed for the upcoming Christmas parade and White Christmas reception. The cookies can be dropped off at the kitchen or office until Saturday, December 7th. A sign up sheet is available at the back of the church.

OPERATION HEAD START once again Church Growth is taking up donations for Central Elementary School Headstart Program to be used to purchase Christmas gifts for 120 students. You can send them to the church anytime, just mark Headstart on the memo line.

LETTERS TO AFRICA Maddie DiGiulian is teaching English in the African nation of Benin through her service in the Peace Corps. You may send her cards or letters to:

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