



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



December 22, 2019
4th 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 *Un Flambeau! Janette! Isabella!* Christopher Uehlein

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Rachel McNeel and Rachel Feldhake:

We light this candle in hope.

We light this candle for peace.

We light this candle in joy.

We light this candle in love. With Matthew, Mark, Luke
and John,

**All: We tell the story of Jesus, the child of Bethlehem,
who came to save us, and is coming again in glory.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, from Psalm 24)*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those
who live in it;

**For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on
the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in
his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not
lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceit-
fully.**

They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from
the God of their salvation...

**Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient
doors! that the King of glory may come in.**

INVOCATION

* HYMN 134

Joy to the World

* CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Holy God, guiding Light, take us out into the wilderness of your love, where we are purged of false pride and consuming greed. Take us this Advent into the depths of your love so we may hear our names, find our true calling and live lives of radiant joy and flowing compassion. Take us into the silence of our hearts so we can hear your voice and find your words which are ours to speak. Holy God, take us into the depths and make us whole. Amen

* **KYRIE**

Lord Have Mercy

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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

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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

The First Nowell/Pachelbel's Canon

Michael Clawson

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Helen Walker

The Lord's Prayer (*Together*)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 23

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

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SERMON

The Innkeeper and the Shepherd

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 147** (vv.1-4)

The First Nowell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Offertory

Cradle Song

Richard Lund

* **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 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless and Keep You

Lutkin

POSTLUDE

*Chorale on **Stille Nacht***

Samuel Barber

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

*Family friendship and life of Susan Stevenson Landis
by Judy, Shannon and Andrew Harrah*

*The life and friendship 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 22

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

MONDAY, Dec 23

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, Dec 24

Christmas Eve, Office Closed
 9:00 a.m.-The Shepherd's Center
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
 with Holy Communion
 8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, Dec 25

Christmas Day, Office Closed
 Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

THURSDAY, Dec 26

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

FRIDAY, Dec 27

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

SATURDAY, Dec 28

SUNDAY, Dec 29

1st Sunday of Christmas
 9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship
 7:00 p.m.- High School Show Choir
 Douglasville, GA
 7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIENDSHIP PADS are located at the end of the row. Please sign and pass it along your pew as we prepare for worship.

CHRISTMAS JOY offering will be taken up today during worship. This offering goes towards Presbyterian-related schools and colleges and to assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

TEMPORARY ADDRESS as Dave awaits his lung transplant at Duke Medical Center. You may send cards and letters to:

Dave and Nancy Sotak

3710 Cole Mill Road

Durham, NC 27712

THE HIGH SCHOOL SHOW CHOIR, from Douglasville, Georgia, will present a special concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29th, in the sanctuary. The choir is on its way to Washington to perform at the Kennedy Center and is stopping here along the way to grace us with their talent as we continue in the holiday spirit.

OUR THANKS to Bill Hartling, lay reader; Helen Walker, Time for Young Disciples leader and cookies in the Witherspoon room; Nancy Kissinger, nursery assistant, and to this week's greeters, Joy and Bill Bailey.

MADALYN DIGIULIAN address in Africa for cards or letters:

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