



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



**December 8, 2019**  
**2nd 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

*Joseph est Bien Marie*

Claude Balbastre

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Ross and Nancy Hageman and Miles Ragalyi: We light this candle for peace.

**All: With John the Baptist, we cry out in the wilderness,  
“Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of  
heaven has come near.”**

## CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, From Isaiah 40: 3-5)*

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill  
be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and  
the rough places a plane.**

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall  
see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

**We wait and watch for the Advent of the glory of the Lord.  
Haste the day! Amen.**

## INVOCATION

\* HYMN 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God of blessing and love, when the time was right you sent your Son to the world. Teach us the art of patience and give us an understanding of your wisdom. Forgive us for making this holy season of anticipation a whirlwind of lists and activities, a flood of joyless obligations and heartless generosity. Forgive our rush as we forgive those who rush past us. Lead us not

into anxiety, but deliver us from pretense. For your kingdom is coming with the power and love and glory of angelic carols, now and forever, heralded in the birth of the Christ. 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** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Darlene McNeel  
The Lord's Prayer (*Together*) Page 35

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT** 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Page 245  
This is the Word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

**THE NEW TESTAMENT** Luke 1: 26-55 Page 56  
This is the Word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** The Rev. Fritz Schilling's Mary's Risky Gift

## 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 145**

*What Child Is This*

### **MOMENT FOR MISSION**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERING**

**Offertory**

*A la Venue de Noel*

Claude Balbastre

### \* **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow*

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**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 129

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless and Keep You*

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POSTLUDE

*Noel Suisse*

Louis-Claude Daquin

***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 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

### **MONDAY, Dec 9**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **TUESDAY, Dec 10**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, Dec 11**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **THURSDAY, Dec 12**

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### **FRIDAY, Dec 13**

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

### **SATURDAY, Dec 14**

11:00 a.m.-Memorial service for  
 Karen Gallagher  
 12:00 p.m.-PW Meeting

### **SUNDAY, Dec 15**

Cents-Ability Offering  
 9:45 a.m.-Sunday School  
 11:00a.m. - Worship  
 7:00 p.m.-White Christmas  
 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.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** will be today immediately following worship downstairs in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome

**WHITE CHRISTMAS** will be next Sunday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. Bring nonperishable canned goods wrapped in white tissue paper or a monetary gift in a white envelope to be placed on the altar during the service. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church. The money collected will go to local charities.

**CENTS-ABILITY** offering will be taken up next Sunday, December 15th after the service at the back of the church.

**OPERATION HEAD START** donations are coming in and so far we have collected \$537 towards our \$1000 goal. The Central Headstart Program will purchase gifts for approximately 120 students. Today is the last day for donations. Please mark Headstart on the memo line of your check.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held for Karen Berg Gallagher at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, in the sanctuary at Beckley Presbyterian Church. The family has invited those attending to join them afterward at The Char for a reception with a light buffet.

**OUR THANKS** to Nelle Calvert, lay reader; Darlene McNeel, Time for Young Disciples leader; Nancy Hageman, nursery assistant, and to this week's greeter, Judy Harrah.