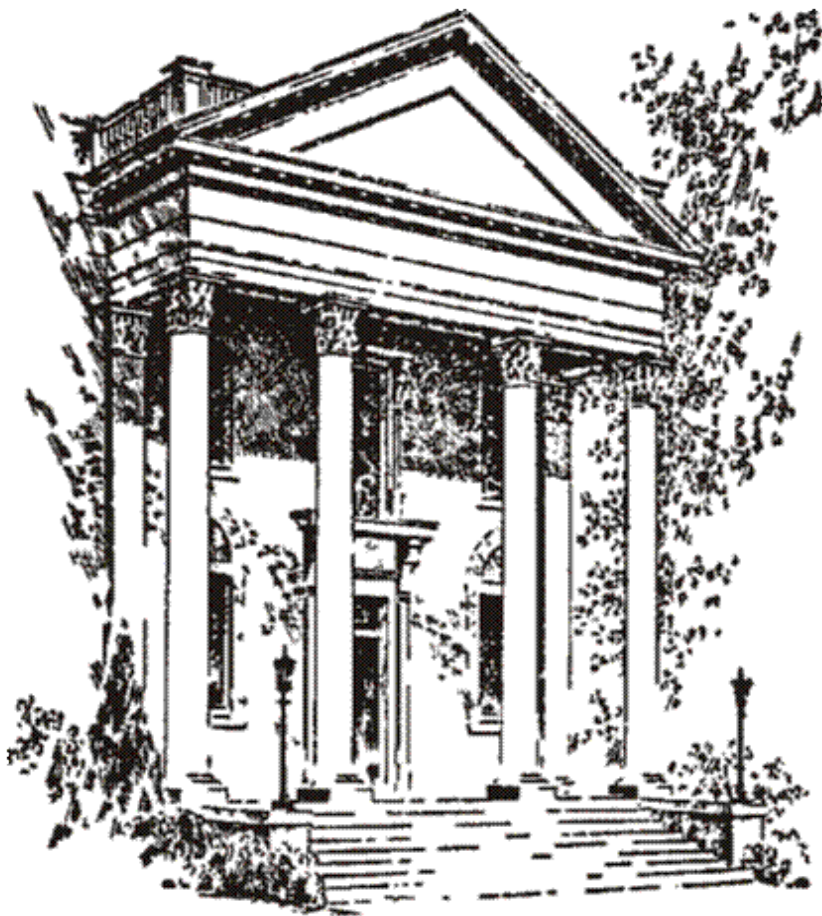




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



November 17, 2019
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE GATHER AND CONFESS

PRELUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, from Psalm 118)*

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”...

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD...

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

INVOCATION

* HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Holy God, we hear your words, trust your promises and still shy away from acting with boldness, witnessing with confidence, speaking with kindness. We keep our faith hidden, our prayers personal and our voices quiet.

Empowering God, fill us with joy in believing and with confidence in living so we may bear your light to all who are troubled or haunted by fear. Let nothing keep us from walking as faithful followers. 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 *Feed My Lambs* Natalie Sleeth

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Harriet Jones

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 12 Page 641

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT Luke 21: 5-19 Page 85

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

SERMON Jesus Gives Comfort and Courage

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 463**

How Firm a Foundation

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Offertory

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Wilbur Held

* **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 384

Soon and Very Soon

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless and Keep You

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POSTLUDE

I Sing the Songs of the Saints of God

Wilbur Held

GO IN PEACE!

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.

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

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God in honor and joy for the music program, choir, and handbells of the church by Ann Worley.

CENTS-ABILITY offering will be taken up today at the back of the sanctuary after worship.

THANKSGIVING DINNER - Please join the congregation for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner to be held **November 24**, immediately following worship in Friendship Hall. Tickets will be sold through **today Sunday, November 17th**.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS need to be returned by **tomorrow Monday, November 18th**. Extra forms are available in the rack at the front of the church.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY will be next **Sunday, November 24th**. Be sure to bring you Stewardship Commitment Card and your Membership Information sheet to be placed in the box during worship. Extra copies will be available in the rack at the front of the church if you need one.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston and Church of the Covenant, Grafton in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Githakwa Church in the Wandumbi Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery

OUR THANKS to Valerie Hartling for cookies in the Witherspoon Room; to Charles McNeel, lay reader; Harriet Jones, Time for Young Disciples leader; Nancy Kissinger, nursery assistant; and to this week's greeter, Valerie Hartling.

ELDERS ON CALL

Nov 17-23-Drema Davis and Mary Calvert
Nov 24-30-Ross Hageman and Marcia Fairlie

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, Nov 17

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

MONDAY, Nov 18

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, Nov 19

9:00 a.m.-The Shepherd's Center
4:30 p.m.-Admin Meeting
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, Nov 20

Pipe Line
Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

THURSDAY, Nov 21

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

FRIDAY, Nov 22

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

SATURDAY, Nov 23

SUNDAY, Nov 24

*Christ the King &
Stewardship Sunday*
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with
Holy Communion
12:00 p.m.-Thanksgiving Luncheon
7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

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Dan Calvert, Clerk of Session

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Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan in Bangladesh
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