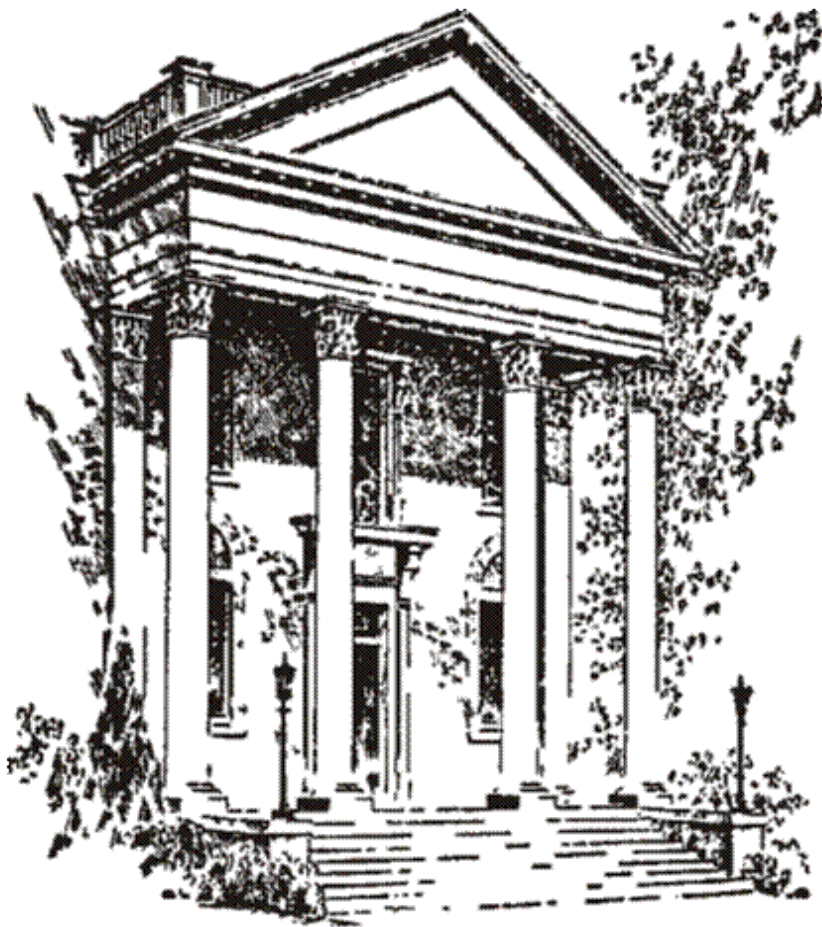




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



December 29, 2019
1st Sunday of Christmas

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 Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie Maurice Durufle

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive, from Psalm 148*)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!...

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals
and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

**Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers
of the earth!**

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

**for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and
heaven.**

INVOCATION

* HYMN 133

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Lord God, The light has come into the world. We love the darkness rather than light because our deeds are evil. Forgive us when we prefer the darkness. May we live each day with the light and joy of Christmas in our hearts. Help us that we may do what is true and come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that our deeds have been done in the name of Jesus. For it is in the name of Jesus we pray, 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 *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 63:7-9* **Page 693**

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT *Matthew 2:13-23* **Page 2**

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

HYMN 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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 144**

In the Bleak Midwinter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Offertory

Brightest and Best

Robert A. Hobby

* **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 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless and Keep You

Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Mark Patterson

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 29

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

MONDAY, Dec 30

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, Dec 31

Office Closed/New Year's Eve
 8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, Jan 1

Office Closed/New Year's Day
 Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

THURSDAY, Jan 2

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

FRIDAY, Jan 3

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

SATURDAY, Jan 4

SUNDAY, Jan 5

9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.-Worship
 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.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today Bridgeport Presbyterian Church, and Belle Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Gatumbiro Church in the Wandumbi Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery

OUR THANKS to Mary Calvert, lay reader: Jennifer Blankenship, Time for Young Disciples leader; Nancy Hageman, nursery assistant, and to this week's greeters, The Mestrovic family.