



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



March 15, 2020
3rd Sunday in Lent

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

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Cindy Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, From Psalm 22)*

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled.

**I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my
clothing they cast lots.**

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly
to my aid!

**Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of
the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion!**

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. I will tell
of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the con-
gregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all
you offspring of Israel!

**For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the af-
flicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I
cried to him.**

INVOCATION

* HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have
done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit
ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that
will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living**

water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. 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**

* **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 *A Lenten Love Song* Helen Kemp

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 31: 9-16

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT Luke 23: 34

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

SERMON "Father, Forgive Them"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* **AFFIRMATION** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional; Together)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God The Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **HYMN 438**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Offertory

In the Garden

Gail Smith

* **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 445

God, How Can We Forgive

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless and Keep You

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POSTLUDE

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Gail Smith

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.

EASTER FLOWER order forms are available and need to be turned in by Sunday, **March 29th**.

NOMINATION FORMS for the next class of ruling elders need to be turned in by **April 6th**. Forms are available in the rack at the front of the church.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY Please join us for a Wednesday evening Lenten Bible study about forgiveness. What does it mean to forgive? Why should I forgive? Does it mean that what happened isn't important or doesn't matter? Join us as we explore these questions and what it means to be a people who are forgiven. Supper will begin at 6 p.m., with the study to follow, on Wednesday, March 18 and 25 and April 1. Pastor Monte will lead the study. Darlene McNeel will teach a children's lesson during the study.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN LUNCHEON SERVICES will be at noon: **March 18th** at First Christian Church; **March 25th** at First United Methodist Church and **April 1st** here at Beckley Presbyterian Church. A light lunch will follow each service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately after the worship service today for the purpose of considering the annual report and budget.

COOKIES NEEDED for Sunday mornings. If you would like to furnish cookies the sign up sheet is in the Witherspoon Room.

OUR THANKS to: Brenda Meadows, for cookies in the Witherspoon Room; Paulette Buzbee, lay reader; Monte Mitchell, Time for Young Disciples leader; Nancy Kissinger, nursery assistant, and to this week's greeters, Nancy Hageman and Miles.

ELDERS ON CALL

Mar 15-21-Dan and Mary Calvert

Mar 22-28-Bob Mestrovic

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.

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.

NURSERY CARE is provided in the Educational Building from 9:30 a.m. to noon for newborn to age 5.

FELLOWSHIP and refreshments are available in the Witherspoon Room during the Sunday School hour.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Mar 15

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

MONDAY, Mar 16

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, Mar 17

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

WEDNESDAY, Mar 18

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.
Noon-Lenten Luncheon-
First Christian Church

THURSDAY, Mar 19

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

FRIDAY, Mar 20

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

SATURDAY, Mar 21

SUNDAY, Mar 22

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

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David Sotak

Class of 2020-2021

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Marcia Fairlie
Ross Hageman
Marie Lewis
Barbara Yurick

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