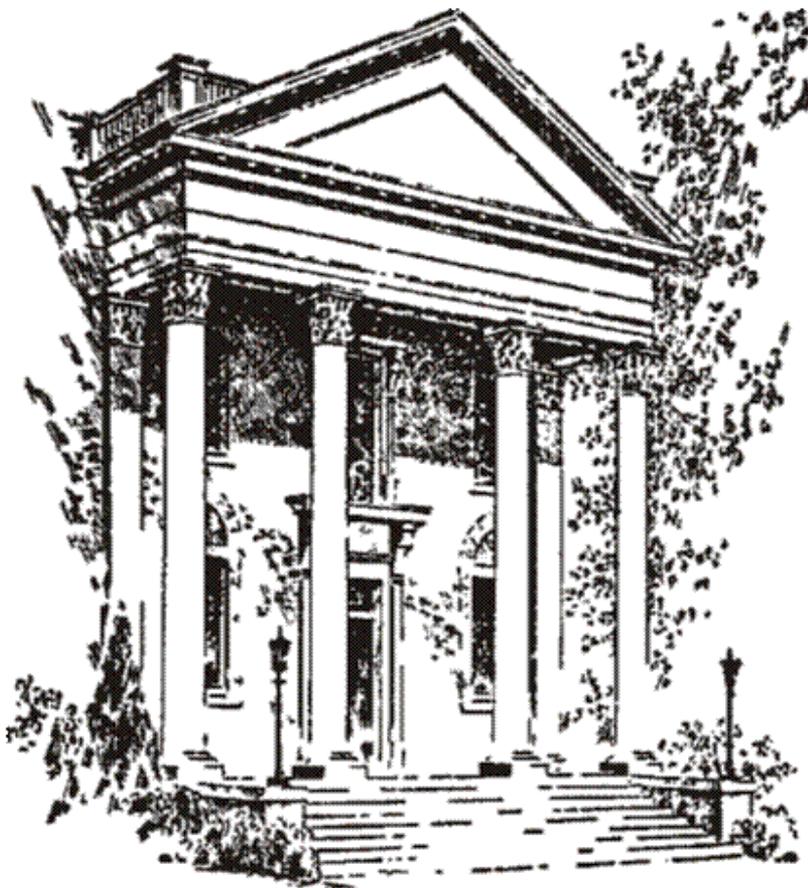




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



**July 5, 2020**  
**5th 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.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, From Psalm 145)*

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

**The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.**

## INVOCATION

HYMN 275 vv 1, 3-4

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Gracious God we are often impatient, joyless, and ungrateful. Forgive our sins, our foolishness, and our ingratitude. Fill us with all spiritual wisdom and understanding that we may faithfully serve as your compassionate people, a witness to the great mercy by which you have delivered us from the power of darkness and into your glorious realm of light. Amen.

**\* 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.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Psalm 88: 1-7

**THE NEW TESTAMENT**

1 Peter 3: 18-22

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

**SERMON**

He Descended Into Hell

**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.**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING**

Offertory

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

# GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN 353 vv. 1-2, 4**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***GO IN PEACE!***

*To prevent the spread of the covid19 virus, please take  
your bulletin with you as you leave today.*

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

## 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 and in loving memory of Delaney Wykle with continued prayers for the Wykle family as they go through this difficult time. Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered everyday. No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts, you're always there. From Robert and Carol Mestrovic and family.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will continue to meet online for the time being. It will meet at 9 a.m. on Webex. We'll send out an electronic invitation ahead of time.

**THE NURSERY** will not be open today because of the pandemic.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held at the end of worship next Sunday, July 12 to consider this year's budget. The meeting had been scheduled earlier this year, as it is each year, but was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**THANK YOU** With a grateful heart, my family and I thank our church family for the love, compassion and concern you have shown us during the loss of our beloved Les. The many cards, memorials and phone calls are a testimony to how caring our church is and always has been.

My prayer is we will soon be able to worship together. Glory to God for all things. Grace and Peace, Lena Cox

**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.

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