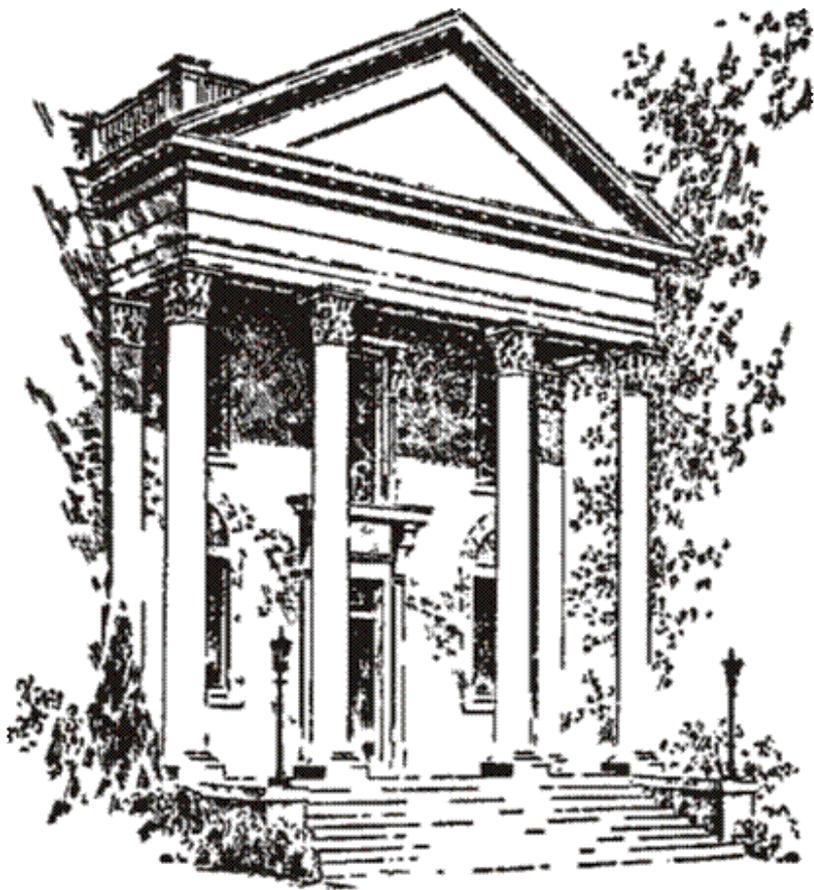




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



**September 12, 2021**

**16th 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.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WE GATHER AND CONFESS

**PRELUDE**

Dance Prelude on DIX

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### **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive, Psalm 19)*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament  
proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares  
knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their  
words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a  
tent for the sun,**

Which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to  
the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of  
the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

**The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the  
commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances  
of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there  
is great reward.

**But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden  
faults.**

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

## INVOCATION

\* HYMN 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We are quick to speak and slow to listen. We hurt others with our words. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\* 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** *When In Our Music God Is Glorified* Harriet Ziegenhals

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 50: 4-9

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

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

James 3: 1-12

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

**SERMON**

The Tongue

## 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERING**



## 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

**THE SESSION** is continuing to monitor the situation regarding the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in the local community. Worship will continue in person for now, and the Session will meet if needed. You are reminded to please wear your mask and practice social distancing.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out to these churches today First Presbyterian Church, Kingwood, and Mount Hope Presbyterian Church, in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Thegenge parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

## NUTURING FAITH IDEAS

**September 12**—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 19: Psalm 115: 1-9 The psalmist gives thanksgiving for his/her recovery from illness after describing his/her supplications to God. How often do we receive the benefits of prayer, yet forget to give thanks in return? Begin or continue a practice of thanksgiving for prayers answered, whether small or large.

**September 19**—Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 20: James 3: 13 – 4: 3 James tells us when good works are done with wisdom and not selfish ambition, we will sow a harvest of righteousness and peace. Conflicts and disputes arise when we want it all 6 our own way. What can you do to become more gentle, honest, and merciful in a world filled with conflict?

**September 26**—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 21: Read Mark 9:42-50 Mark warns us of all the ways we are tempted to sin or cause others to stumble due to our actions. What do you think it means when he says, “Have salt in yourselves?” How can that give you peace with one another?

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is at 9:00 a.m. and will continue to meet online for the time being. An electronic invitation will be sent out ahead of time.

**NURSERY CARE** will not be open today due to covid 19 virus.

**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**.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### September 5

Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
and Ps. 125  
Isa. 35:4-7a and Ps. 146;  
James 2:1-10(11-13) 14-17;  
Mark 7:24-37

### September 12

Prov. 1:20-33 and Ps. 19;  
Isa 50:4-9a and Ps. 116:1-9;  
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

### September 19

Prov. 31:10-31 and Ps. 1;  
Jer. 11:18-20 and Ps. 54;  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

### September 26

Esth. 7:1-6, 9-10:9:20-22  
and Ps. 124; Num. 11:4-6,  
10-16, 24-29 and Ps. 19:7-14;  
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, Sept 12

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

### MONDAY, Sept 13

### TUESDAY, Sept 14

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

### WEDNESDAY, Sept 15

11:00 a.m.-Carpenter's Corner

### THURSDAY, Sept 16

### FRIDAY, Sept 17

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

### SATURDAY, Sept 18

### SUNDAY, Sept 19

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

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