



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



September 19, 2021

17th 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

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, Psalm 1)*

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

INVOCATION

* HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace. We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and least. Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day with the wisdom of your Word, and teach us how to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Blest Are They

David Haas

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 54

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 3:13-4:8

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

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

* **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 DEDICATION**

* **HYMN 735** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** *All Praise to Thee, My God This Night* Paul Manz

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.

The parking lot across from the front of the church will be closed on Sunday, Sept. 26 (and also on Saturday, Sept. 25). The City of Beckley will be sealing the asphalt and repainting the white stripes.

LAY READERS NEEDED The Worship committee is looking for additional lay readers to help out with the Sunday worship services. Anyone who is interested can contact Ross Hageman 304-573-4067 or Al Combs 304-575-3966.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today Kanawha United Presbyterian Church, Charleston, Smithers Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's Presbyterian Church, in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Gathuthi Church in the Thegenge parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

NUTURING FAITH IDEAS

September 5—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 18: Read James 2:1-10 When we treat people based upon their appearance or how much wealth they have, we fail to follow the command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Where do you do this in your life? What actions can you take to remedy this situation?

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 19

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

MONDAY, Sept 20

TUESDAY, Sept 21

4:30 p.m.-Admin Mtg.
8:00 p.m.-AA Meeting-Ed Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, Sept 22

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

THURSDAY, Sept 23

FRIDAY, Sept 24

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

SATURDAY, Sept 25

SUNDAY, Sept 26

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

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