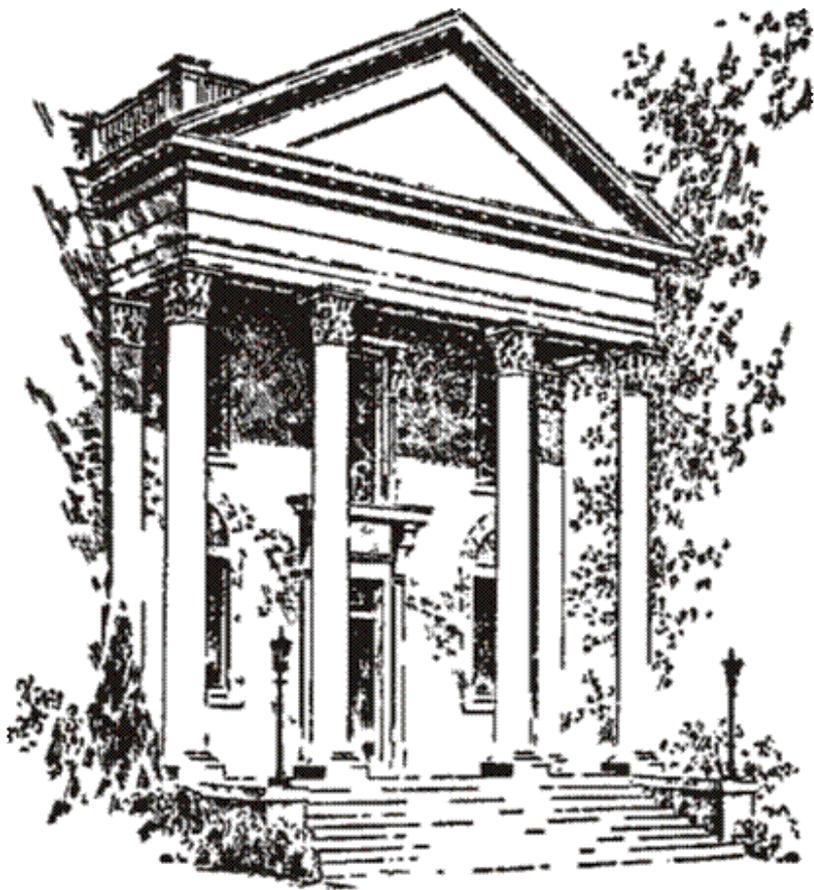




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



September 5, 2021

15th 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

Air in G Major

GF Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, From Psalm 146)*

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

INVOCATION

* HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to help those in need and to show our faith in action; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **KYRIE**

Lord Have Mercy

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**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

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**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

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me

K. Lee Scott

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 35:4-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

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

SERMON

Crumbs for Dogs

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is always good that we give you thanks, O God,
for you sent your Holy Spirit into our midst,
the Spirit of wisdom and might,
who brings us into communion with you and with one another.
And so, with all the people of God in every age,
we praise you for the power of the resurrection
to set us free from divisions and strife,
and with angels and archangels, with earth, water, fire, and air,
and with all your creatures, we praise your name
and join their unending songs.

HYMN 521

In Remembrance of Me

We remember that on the night he was betrayed,
having gathered his friends at the table,
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And again, after supper, he took the cup
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering our Lord's command
to remember him, his wisdom, and his sacrifice,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(Sung) 553 Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Blessed are you, O Spirit,
Poured out upon your people
to open our hearts,
to pray within us, to teach us hope.

Through this broken bread, show us life abundant.
Break us, as well, so that with your gifts,
we may tend your earth and feed the hungry,
giving thanks for all that nourishes
this blessed creation, now and forever. **Amen**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God, we rise from this table knowing a love beyond our deserving. Thank you for giving us a place at your table; for serving us the bread of life; for offering to us, even to us, the cup of salvation. In humility and hope, we go now from in your light to your promised day. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*** 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.

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

LADIES LUNCHEON will be held on **Thursday, September 9th at 10:30 a.m. at The Black Knight**. They will have a bible study and lunch to follow. Please call the church by **September 6th** if you wish to attend. We hope to see you there.

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 Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Elkins, and Highlawn Presbyterian Church, Huntington, in the Presbytery of West Virginia; St. Cuthbert's Church in the Rware parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Sept 5

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School

11:00 a.m.- Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

MONDAY, Sept 6

Labor Day/Office Closed

TUESDAY, Sept 7

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

WEDNESDAY, Sept 8

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

THURSDAY, Sept 9

10:30 a.m.-Ladies Luncheon

FRIDAY, Sept 10

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

SATURDAY, Sept 11

SUNDAY, Sept 12

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM

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