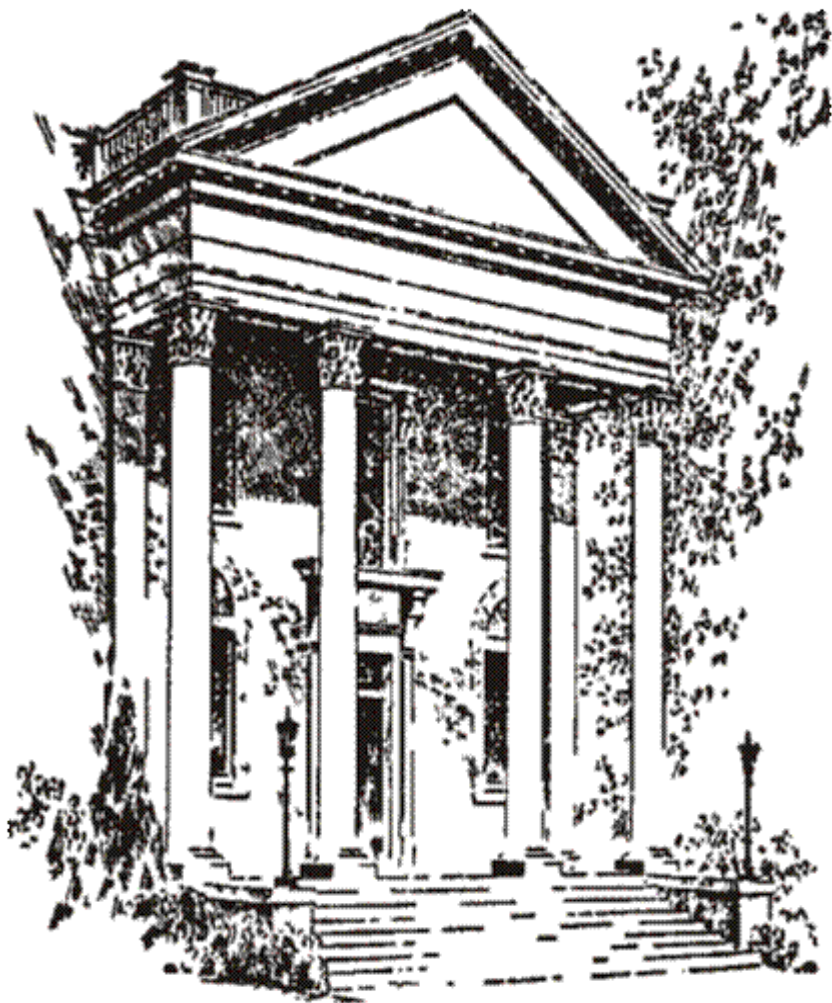




The Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Lent

GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen* Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 130: 5-8

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
 and in his word I hope;

People: **my soul waits for the Lord**
 more than those who watch for the morning,
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Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!
 For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
 and with him is great power to redeem.

All: **It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for your mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* **HYMN #216** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We speak as though hope is lost, even while you are still speaking. We act as though death is the end, even while you are still acting. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(silent confession)*

* **KYRIE ELEISON Hymn #551**

Lord, Have Mercy

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

* **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.
Please greet or respond to one another;
The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

* **RESPONSE (Sung) - 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.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Raymond Haan

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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We invite children and youth ages 3 through 8th Grade to come forward for a special message. Afterwards, a nursery is provided for children 5 and under.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN #53**

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:1-11

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* **AFFIRMATION** “The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional) (Unison)

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**CALL FOR THE OFFERING****OFFERING**

While the offering is collected, please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew. When everyone in your row has signed, please return the pad noting the names of those worshipping with you today.

Offertory*Pange Lingua*

Charles Callahan

***Doxology (Sung) #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

GOD’S PEOPLE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD* **HYMN #286***Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

O Mensch, Bewein dein Sünde Groß

JS Bach

*If you are able, please stand for items marked **
*Portions in **bold type** are for congregational participation.*

*Please silence all electronic devices
and refrain from texting during the service.*

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 visitor card available in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

WELCOME - We are pleased to welcome John Nelson to our pulpit today. John and his wife Beverly are members of Highlawn Presbyterian Church in Saint Albans. John works as a computer tech and has been an Authorized Lay Preacher since 2012. Beverly works at an accounting agency and is finally able to "see some light" at the end of the long "Tax Season Tunnel".

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mae Sheppard, by Martha and Patricia Rucker.

EASTER FLOWERS - If you would like to order an Easter Lily or a Tulip to decorate the church for Easter, please place your order by next **Sunday, April 9, 2017**. Order forms are available in the Narthex.

NOMINATION FORMS for the Session Class of 2018-2019 and a list of active confirmed members are available in the Narthex. All forms should be returned by next **Sunday, April 9, 2017**.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH - All are welcome to join us today following worship for our Fellowship Lunch in Friendship Hall.

THE GBMA LENTEN SERVICE will be at First United Methodist Church this **Wednesday, April 5th**. Service will begin at noon followed by a light lunch in Friendship Hall.

CHILDREN'S WELCOME BAGS - Welcome to worship! Visiting children, ages 3 - 5th grade please take one of the "guest" bags located on a stand in the back of the sanctuary. We are so glad you are here! Please return your guest bag following worship.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS for today's service are available in the back of the church.

OUR PRAYERS go out to these churches today: First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill and Rome Presbyterian Church, Proctorville, Ohio in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Gura Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

OUR THANKS to Bill Cameron for 'Cookies in the Witherspoon Room' to Ann Worley Lay Reader, Time for Young Disciples Leader Ann Worley, Nursery Assistant Nancy Kissinger and to this week's greeter Judy Harrah.

ELDERS ON CALL

April 2 - 8 - Nancy Cameron & Nancy Kissinger

April 9-15— Ann Worley & Dan Calvert

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.

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

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

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.

“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.”

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

5th Sunday in Lent

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

Noon - First Sunday Fellowship

Lunch - Friendship Hall

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

MONDAY, APRIL 3

9:30 a.m. - PW Coordinating Team Mtg. -
Witherspoon Room

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

9:00 a.m. - Shepherd's Center

10 a.m. - Tuesday Morning in
Witherspoon

6:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Meeting -
Friendship Hall

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Noon - GBMA Lenten Service &

Lunch - First United Methodist Church

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m. - Handbells

7:15 p.m. - Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Noon - PW Circle Luncheon -
Friendship Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Passion/Palm Sunday

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

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