

WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

WELCOME

HOME

DAY OF WORSHIP

10.13.2024

Sunday | 10 AM | Wesley Chapel
59 College Ave | Buckhannon, WV

presented by Religious & Spiritual Life

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The symbol † is an indication for all to stand in body and spirit as able.
Please note the bold font is an indication to respond in unison.

PRELUDE

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†THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 96)

Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth for great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

†HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH 400

PRAYER FOR HOLINESS OF HEART UMH 401

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Here is the citadel of all my desiring, where my hopes are born and all the deep resolutions of my spirit take wings. In this center, my fears are nourished, and all my hates are nurtured. Here my loves are cherished, and all the deep hungers of my spirit are honored without quivering and without shock. In my heart, above all else, let love and integrity envelop me until my love is perfected and the last vestige of my desiring is no longer in conflict with thy Spirit. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Amen.

FIRST READING – Psalm 145:1-13, 21 (NRSV)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. 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. My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

†HYMN “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale” UMH 122

SECOND READING – Ephesians 3:14-21 (NRSV)

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

“More Than Figment”

Rev. Monty Brown '74

†HOMECOMING PRAYER

(adapted from United Methodist BOW 584)

Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place.

For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation:

We give thanks, O God.

For those who established this College, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:

We give thanks, O God.

For those who have been members of this community, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our College:

We give thanks, O God.

For those who have taught and served here; for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord; for all who today help cultivate servant leaders:

We give thanks, O God.

Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great cloud of witnesses, and that, by your power that is at work within us, we too may accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” UMH 348

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

OFFERING OF GIFTS

If you wish to give to Religious and Spiritual Life, gifts may be placed in the offering plates located at each exit of Wesley Chapel. Checks may be made out to West Virginia Wesleyan College with "Chapel Discretionary Fund" noted on the memo line. Your gifts will help fund Religious & Spiritual Life's ministry within and beyond West Virginia Wesleyan College.

GENEROUS SUPPORT

The Rohrbough Memorial Organ, given in memory of Etta Maude Lynch Rohrbough, Class of 1892, by her son, the late G.I. Rohrbough, Class of 1923.

The Datha and Gene Smith Chapel Endowment, established in 2003, provides funding for Chapel upkeep and maintenance.

SPECIAL THANKS

Matthew Hatfield, Pianist

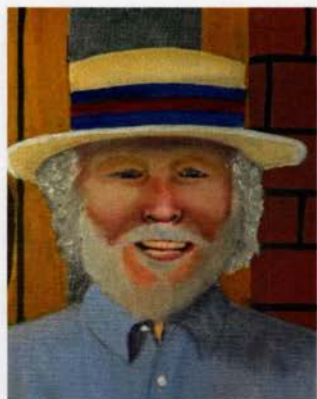
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Rev. Monty Brown

Rev. Monty Brown is a 1974 graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, who served as the 1973-74 President of Community Council. Then he used his B.A. degree in Bible and Religion to attend law school. After being admitted to the WV State Bar in 1977, he practiced law for fifteen years in Marion County, WV, including two terms as the elected Prosecuting Attorney.



In 1992, Monty quit running from a call to pastoral ministry and attended The Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

He was ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church, and served in active pastoral ministry for twenty-five years before retiring.

For the past six years, Monty's vocation is an artist, represented by Gallery Eleven in Charleston. In his third career now, more than a few have wondered if Monty will ever decide what to be when he grows up.

Along the way he was blessed with fifty years with his late wife, Jane Wentz Brown, and with two children, Josh and Bethany, and five grandchildren.

Since his retirement from active pastoral ministry, Monty is occasionally called upon to fill a pulpit. But he is always clear that he is no longer a preacher. He is a storyteller.



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