



You have  
searched me,  
LORD,  
and you  
KNOW me.  
Psalm 139:1

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*

**10:30 A.M.**

**PRELUDE**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Martha Kaulbach

**CENTERING PRAYER**

*When the good news is hard to find, Knowing God, you swaddle us in your comforting hope, so that we may decide to go wherever you call us to serve.*

*When the good news is seen as fake, Brother of our journey, you call us to speak of the truth that God offers grace to a world which has decided to believe in lies.*

*When the good news seems out of fashion, Spirit of wisdom, you weave kindness into a shawl for the lonely, you knit comfort for all who grieve.*

*When your good news seems so rare, may we decide to share it more and more. Through Christ, Amen.*

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 139:1-6**

**\*HYMN**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Lao-Eng. 89

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Because we are so focused on ourselves, God of every life, it is hard to see the lives which others endure. When we are so worried about how the economy will affect us, we do not notice those in need around us. As we grumble about our aches and pains, and about how difficult it is to get out of the bed each day, we easily ignore the broken. Forgive us, God of goodness and grace. Speak to us of healing, so we might bring help to others. Speak to us of grace, so hearing, we may share it with everyone we meet. Speak to us of love and life, so we may offer it as freely as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought it to us.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Come and see! God's grace is poured out on everyone, God's hope is freely shared in every moment, forgiveness is the gift which mends our foolish lives. Friends, let us say together, "Thanks be to God!" We are surrounded by God's love and mercy, now and to the very end! Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Ed Hendricks

**SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm 139:13-18**

**SERMON**

Rev. Andy Chambers

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### OFFERTORY

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Donna James

### \*DOXOLOGY

***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

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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### \*BENEDICTION

### \*RESPONSE

***Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me***

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*Much of this morning's liturgy come from Lectionary Liturgies (c) Thom M. Shuman

#### Household Prayer: Morning

*As I rise this day, O God, I give you thanks for breath and life, for the people I will see today, for family, neighbors, and friends, and for those whose ways are challenging to my serenity. Help me to give thanks especially for the people who pull me to new understandings and show me sides of life that I have not known or do not welcome. Urge me to follow you today; in Jesus' name. Amen.*

#### Household Prayer: Evening

*As the evening comes and the time for rest draws near, O God, I give you thanks for another full and mystifying day. I have not done everything I had hoped to do. I have not forgiven myself or others as I ought. I ask now that you, who know me through and through, will lead me to let go of what I cannot change and seek anew tomorrow for a more enlightened path. I long for your guidance and your care. Guard my sleep, and let me rise renewed; in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## January Birthdays

1	Marilyn Bedsworth Manivone Padtha John Touralack
2	Brad Chosewood
5	Lynn McCollum
6	Pearle Crisler
8	Hollen Chambers
10	Pam Miller
11	Phitsamay Bouasy
13	Sarah Campbell Myrna Fouts Tim Mullen
25	Kelly McCollum
26	Cheryl Crisler
28	Cathy Webb
30	Ed Hendricks



Join us for weekly prayer  
meetings via Zoom

Thursdays, 9 am

( please note the time change)

Check your email for a Zoom  
link each week. If you are  
not receiving them, please let  
the office know.



Are you looking for a way to  
feel more connected to Jesus  
and to others?

The Wednesday Noon Bible  
Study (via Zoom) is a great  
way to get involved!

Information about the next  
one will be coming soon!

Due to the Habersham Schools  
going virtual until Jan. 25, our  
Office Hours might be altered for  
the next week to allow us to work  
from home. Rest assured that  
email and phone messages will be  
checked frequently during the  
day. It is strongly suggested to  
call before stopping by.

**TEMPORARY  
OFFICE HOURS**



## *Prayer Concerns:*

Prayer Person(s) of the week: **Ron & Karen Sprayberry**

In the Military: **Cpt. Alex McLean** and family; **Cpt. Joe Campbell** (recently deployed to Jordan) and his family; **LCpl Kevin Matthews** who is stationed at the Marine Corps Base in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; **Cpt. Zach Peterson** and family (the Chosewood's nephew deployed to Kuwait); and **Sgt. Chris Webb** (stationed at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska)

**The Kerby family; Mike and Becky Ray; Tim Bedsworth; Tim & Joy Mullen and their family; Richard Turner; Anne Cash and family; Carroll Segers; Tim Mullen's Aunt Kay; Donna James's father; Brenda Boonstra's father; Troy and Cathy Webb's niece; Vicaro Nappo; Michelle Johnson's stepmother; Diane and Greg Hopkins; Wayne & Sheri Armour (John Wayne Armour's parents); Kevin Roy (friend of David Baskin); Marilyn Bedsworth; Joy Pruitt; Luke Phoummaseng; Dwayne Owensby (friend of David Baskin); Chloe Crawford; Sue Smith; Pat Austin; Joyce Barrett; "Turtle" Touralack; Betty Gillette; Laurie Oldroyd (George and Martha Kaulbach's daughter); Betty Schaeffer; John Foster; Celeste Sumner; Teresa Touralack; David and Martha Lee Sherman; Karen Hooper (Troy Webb's step-sister); Mary Sue Tripp (Troy Webb's cousin); Jackie Williams (Sharon Baskin's cousin); Bonnie McKim; Brad Donaldson and family (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); peace in our country and around the world.**