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The First Presbyterian Church  
You have  
searched  
me,

LORD

and You  
know  
me.

psalm 139:1

Berwick, PA  
The Order of Worship Sunday January 14th, 2024

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Berwick!  
We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting for the first time today, we invite you to sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or scan the QR code to fill it out digitally. Throughout the service, the People make the responses in **bold** print.



## TIME OF PREPARATION

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Every Valley *arr. by Janet Linker*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Before we were born, God knew us.

**God knit us together in the womb.**

God searches out our paths, and tracks us along our way.

**So we praise God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

**How wonderful are all God's works! Let us worship God together.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #265 Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

#### OPENING PRAYER

God ever creating, ever loving, ever leading,

You are stillness when we are frantic;

You are truth when we are perplexed.

You give us freedom when fear takes hold;

You send light when we have lost our way.

You are love when we feel lonely and empty;

You give us energy when we are ready to reach out.

We praise you, Creator, Christ, Spirit,

for all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you will be for us.

In our worship we offer you our love and loyalty,

here and now,

now and always.

Amen.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

In Epiphany's light, we cannot help but see our shortcomings. Let us confess the sin that separates us from God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy and patience,  
you call us to follow you  
and offer us purpose and new possibilities.  
Yet we confess we often hesitate.  
We are not sure what we have to offer you.  
We'd prefer that someone else take the lead  
and maybe we will follow them.  
Forgive us when we hesitate.  
Help us trust in you  
and what you know we have to offer in Jesus' name.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Believe the good news! In Christ, God has offered us forgiveness for all our sins and shortcomings. Trust that this forgiveness is for you, and know that God's steadfast love and grace endure forever. Thanks be to God!

\*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS I Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;  
John 1:43-51

SERMON KNOWN

\*HYMN #261 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed Ecumenical version

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN #275 God of Our life

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION #535 Go with Us, Lord

\*Please stand if you are able

*Portions of this service have been adapted from on-line worship resources of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.*

**PRAYER LIST**

Matthew Boggs  
Clio Strausser  
Tom & Barb Huntington  
Alison Powlus  
Jason Seltzer  
Kathleen Knouse  
Jeff Knouse  
Jackie Brown  
Bob Feick Family  
Pastor Steve Engelhardt  
Paul Moskaluk  
Nancy Raber  
Matt Gabel  
Martha Yost  
Lauren Sadock  
Joann Magners  
Wilhelmina Hoover  
Amanda Carroll

This is a fun annual event—let's keep it going! Bring your friends, family, or anyone else you don't care for! Again, just kidding!!! The more the merrier! Hope to see you on Sunday, February 11!

P.S. Tums will be available!

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Don't forget, men's breakfast is held **EVERY Wednesday** at 7:30am downstairs in the kitchen. All men are welcome to attend, fill up on hot cooked grub, join in fellowship and do whatever it is that men do.

### **EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Danville are looking for 1 Full-Time 3<sup>rd</sup> shift Nurse's Aide/CNA, 1 Part-Time 3<sup>rd</sup> shift Nurse's Aide/CNA, 1 Part-Time Housekeeper (Life Skills candidates are encouraged to apply for PT Housekeeping position) 1 Full-Time Cook and 1 Full-Time Dishwasher. Please contact our HR Department for more information at 570-275-3581 ext. 156 or e-mail [scole@sscm.org](mailto:scole@sscm.org).

### **SESSION MEETING**

Session will be meeting **Tuesday January 16th at 7pm** via Zoom.

### **IN THE PULPIT**

**January 14** Nancy Hardy  
**January 21** Doug Orbaker  
**January 28** John Polhill

### **COMMUNION**

February 11  
February 14  
March 28  
March 31  
May 19  
July 14  
October 6  
November 24  
December 24

### **Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand**

<sup>1</sup> Great God, we sing that mighty hand  
By which supported still we stand;  
The opening year Your mercy shows;  
That mercy crowns it till it close.

<sup>2</sup> With grateful hearts the past we own;  
The future, all to us unknown,  
We to Your guardian care commit,  
And peaceful leave before Your feet.

<sup>3</sup> In scenes exalted or depressed,  
You are our joy, and You our rest;  
Your goodness all our hopes shall raise,  
Adored through all our changing days.

### **God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us**

<sup>1</sup> God of compassion, in mercy befriend us;  
Giver of grace for our needs all availing,  
Wisdom and strength for each day do Thou send us,  
Patience untiring and courage unailing.

<sup>2</sup> Wandering and lost, Thou hast sought us and found us,  
Stilled our rude hearts with Thy Word of consoling;  
Wrap now Thy peace, like a mantle, around us,  
Guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.

<sup>3</sup> How shall we stray, with Thy hand to direct us,  
Thou who the stars in their courses art guiding?  
What shall we fear, with Thy power to protect us,  
We who walk forth in Thy greatness confiding?

### **God of Our Life**

<sup>1</sup> God of our life, through all the circling years,  
We trust in Thee;  
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,  
Thy hand we see.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

<sup>2</sup> God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;  
With us abide.

Lead us by faith, to hope's true promised land;  
be Thou our guide.  
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

<sup>3</sup> God of the coming years, through paths unknown  
We follow Thee;  
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;  
Our refuge be.  
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,  
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

### **Go with Us, Lord**

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true  
Our lives may be our gift to You.

## *Announcements*

### **THANK YOU!**

This morning we welcome back Nancy Hardy to the pulpit. Welcome back Nancy and thank you for leading us in worship this morning!

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our congregation meeting will be held **Sunday February 4th** following worship. Pastor Bob Andrews will be leading us in worship.

### **ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL DAY OF CARING COOKOFF TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

The Annual Souper Bowl Day of Caring Cookoff will once again be held immediately after the worship service on Super Bowl Sunday, February 11. Don't worry, there will be plenty of time to get home and watch the eight hours of pre-game festivities.

If you're a "seasoned veteran" you know that we ask for volunteers to cook up their finest soup, chowder, or chili recipes to be submitted for judging by the harshest critics we can find, our members! Everyone will sample the submissions and have the chance to vote for their favorite. The "chef" who is responsible for the winning submission will receive, among other things, the much-coveted and very valuable Souper Bowl Day of Caring trophy, enshrinement in the Berwick Presbyterian Soup Hall of Fame (joining two-time champion Nancy Dietterick, Alison Hause, the Deacons, and the Youth Group), and bragging rights for the next year.

So dig out your favorite recipes! Other soups not in the cookoff will be available for purchase, and monetary donations will be gladly accepted. All monies received will be donated to our local Food Pantries.

If you're not into making soup, chowder, or chili we would gladly welcome a dessert.

Finally, show that you're a true fan that day by donning the gear/apparel/colors of your favorite team (NFL, college, or high school) even if they're not in the big game that day. There will be free admission for anyone who dresses the part! Okay, just kidding, it's all free anyway, but you get the point!!!