

# *Third Sunday after Epiphany*

**January 21, 2024**

St John's Reformed Church of Loysburg

Pastor David Scott

Scripture: **Psalm 139:1-18**

Message: **Finding Our Worth in God**

Organ Prelude: Barbara Thomas

Welcome, Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP  
(Psalm 139)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there!**

**If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"

**Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

**And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!**

\*Opening Hymn: FHP #34 "How Great Thou Art!"

Prayer of Invocation

## **The CCCC Statement of Faith**

- We believe the Bible consisting of the Old and New Testament, to be the only inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative Word of God written.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling power and fullness the Christian is enabled to live a godly life in this present evil world.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, our Heavenly Father, we recognize You as the source of all power and purpose, forgive us for failing to trust You with our needs, for placing personal desires above Your will; for being content to be passive in our Calling to serve You, our Savior and our Lord. Father, we humble ourselves before You, seeking Your forgiveness; asking that You shape our living so that we reveal Your Presence in our daily lives. By ourselves we are nothing, yet You call each one of us to obedience and service. By the Holy Spirit Your strength overcomes our weakness. Forgive us and use us for Your glory, by the grace we have in Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, Amen.

Kyrie, Assurance of Pardon

Apostles Creed

\*Gloria Patria

Special Music: The Sell Family- *“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”*

Children’s Moment: Matt Nelson

Offertory thought, \*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

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Pastoral Prayer

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\*Closing Hymn: FHP #310 “The Solid Rock”

\*Benediction, \*Three-Fold Amen

\*\*\*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\*\*\*

2024 Secret Sister Drawing was postponed January 12, due to light participation. May draw at February meeting if interest increases.

Today

**Pulpit Exchange**, 9:30 a.m.: Pastor David Scott, Woodbury Church of the Brethren Youth Pastor, preaching.

**Sunday School for all ages**, 10:45 a.m.

**Bible Study**, 6:00 p.m., John 12:1ff

Wednesday

**February Newsletter:** News, photos and announcements for the February newsletter should be submitted to David Snyder by Jan. 24.

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**NO Choir Practice (*Choir Practice will resume on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.*)**

Next Sunday

**Annual Congregational Meeting (1 p.m.)**

**Sunday school** will be first at 9:30 a.m.

**Worship** at 10:45 a.m.

**Covered Dish Lunch** around noon

\*\*\*\*\*PRAYER UPDATES\*\*\*\*\*

*(Family & Friends of Terry Wyles (maternal grandfather of Blair Young)-Grieving)*

**Cathy Snider** anticipates knee replacement surgery on Friday January 26

**Ron Dively** (Sandy Styer’s neighbor) experiencing back pain&confusion

**Kim Eller** had surgery for a detached retina.

**Eric Wickel** in Conemaugh Hospital with double pneumonia, RSV & sepsis.

\*\*\*\*\*CONTINUE PRAYING FOR \*\*\*\*\*

**Jenny Trombetta, Rob Buzzel, Louise Bush, Mary Hopper, Dorothy Workowski, Chip Brumbaugh, Leo Fike, Quinton Morrow, T J Helsel, Peg Crawford, Jean Lodge, Charlie Mountain, Mava Cottle, Betsy Rupp, Kim Ritchey**

\*\*\*\*\*NORTHERN BEDFORD FOOD PANTRY\*\*\*\*\*

The food pantry is requesting Tea, Pancake Mix, Soup and Hot Chocolate Mix for the month of January.

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Beth and Dick Clark in memory of our mother Betty Dittmar Snider who was a lifelong member of St. John’s Church.*

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