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### God Knows

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So heart be still:
What need our little life
Our human life to know,
If God hath comprehension?
In all the dizzy strife
Of things both high and low,
God hideth His intention.

God knows. His will Is best. The stretch of years Which wind ahead, so dim To our imperfect vision, Are clear to God. Our fears Are premature; In Him, All time hath full provision.

Then rest: until God moves to lift the veil From our impatient eyes, When, as the sweeter features Of Life's stern face we hail, Fair beyond all surmise God's thought around His creatures Our mind shall fill.

—Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957) written in 1908

Quoted by King George VI in his Christmas Day broadcast in 1939. The poem had been drawn to the King's attention by his wife, Queen Elizabeth (the Queen Mother) and the words were recited 63 years later at her own funeral. Blessed be the Name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: and He changeth the times and the seasons. Daniel 2:20-21

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Welcome! Whatever else this new year may mean to you, we hope that it reminds you of God's patience and love; He has not given up on you or on any one of us, but accepts our sincere repentance. With God, any day can be New Year's Day for us. May He grant you grace to grow and keep growing in the likeness of our Lord Jesus!

#### Announcements

- We will be celebrating our quarterly communion in the morning service.
- The second offering plate in the back is for the Building Maintenance Fund.
- **January 6** Epiphany
- January 9 Epiphany Sunday
- January 21 9 11 p.m. Night of Prayer
- January 21 Zone Rally at Rockwood PHC
- January 23 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
  The final tally for our Thanksgiving Self- Denial Offering was \$1500.

  Once again, many thanks to all of you from the pastor and family for your countless kindnesses to us through the past year.

Many thanks, too, for the Christmas gifts to our family. They will be put to good use!

### Call To Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will be glad and rejoice in it. *This is the year that the Lord has begun. We will rejoice and be glad in it.* Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning;

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

We will not look back to the former things, neither consider the things of old.

"Behold, I will do a new thing" [says the Lord]; "now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

This one thing [let us] do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Let us press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 118:24; Lamentations 3:22-23; Ecclesiastes 3:1; Isaiah 43:18, 19; Philippians 3:13-14

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m.— WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

## **Prayer Requests**

- **This** week we are praying especially for our sister church in Millville, NJ. Continue to pray for **comfort** and healing for Pastor Gary Mills and family members who are mourning the death of David Mills..
- **Pray** for our nation during this uncertain time. **Pray** for the pulling down of the strongholds of evil in our land. (II Corinthians 10:4)
- Pray for the persecuted church, and Christians in danger all over the world.
- Continue to pray for:
  - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Byron S., Ethan, Rowan S., Bernie, Joshua M., and Steven H.
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - Missionaries: Nichole Barr, the Davises, the Easleys, B. Fay. the Himelicks, the Millses, R. Moulton, the Samborskis, Jack Sherman, Judy Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
  - Bible Colleges GBSC, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - Safety and protection for our Armed Forces.
  - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical need requests:
  - Heidi Clark, Bill Ford, Pat and Marie Rooney, Cliff, Barry and Cathy E., Mary Braun (Victory Trio), Pastor Gary Mills, Betty Case, Kendall Straight, Paul Easley, Stephen Cassady, Janet Albertson, Joanna Howell, Rollin Mitchell, Lois Schenck.
- Online and phone requests:
  - Jennifer Howell, Cliff
- From Early Woodland:
  - Doris, Joanne, Pat, Maureen, Betty R., Ronald

ETERNAL Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Immanuel; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.—BCP

### Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
NT M PSA I	Genesis 3:1-4:26 Matthew 2:13-3:6 Proverbs 1:7-9	Genesis 5:1-7:24 Matthew 3:7-4:11 Psalm 3:1-8 Proverbs 1:10-19	Genesis 8:1-10:32 Matthew 4:12-25 Psalm 4:1-8 Proverbs 1:20-23	Genesis 11:1-13:4 Matthew 5:1-26 Psalm 5:1-12 Proverbs 1:24-28
Thursday		Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Matthe Psalm	s 13:5-15:21 ew 5:27-48 6:1-10 bs 1:29-33	Genesis 16:1-18:15 Matthew 6:1-24 Psalm 7:1-17 Proverbs 2:1-5	Genesis 18:16-19:38 Matthew 6:25-7:14 Psalm 8:1-9 Proverbs 2:6-15	Genesis 20:1-22:24 Matthew 7:15-29 Psalm 9:1-12 Proverbs 2:16-22

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	Other announcements & prayer requests
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