

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;  
In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,* Ephesians 1:3-7; 11-13

On this first Sunday of the New Year, welcome to worship! We have come to honor and praise the living God who makes all things new. St. Paul reminds us that it is God who enables us to “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). Let us glorify God with that reality in mind. Blessings on one and all.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today we will be celebrating communion.  
“You who are walking in fellowship with God, and are in love and charity with your neighbors; and you who do truly and earnestly repent of your sin, and intend to live a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and meekly make your humble confession to Almighty God.” - *from The Order of the Lord's Supper*
- The second offering this morning is our monthly Building Repair offering.
- **January 6** - Epiphany
- **January 16-18** - **Midwinter Youth Convention** at Pineview Community Church
- **January 18** - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
7:00 PM - PVBI Praise Singers quartet will be ministering to us.

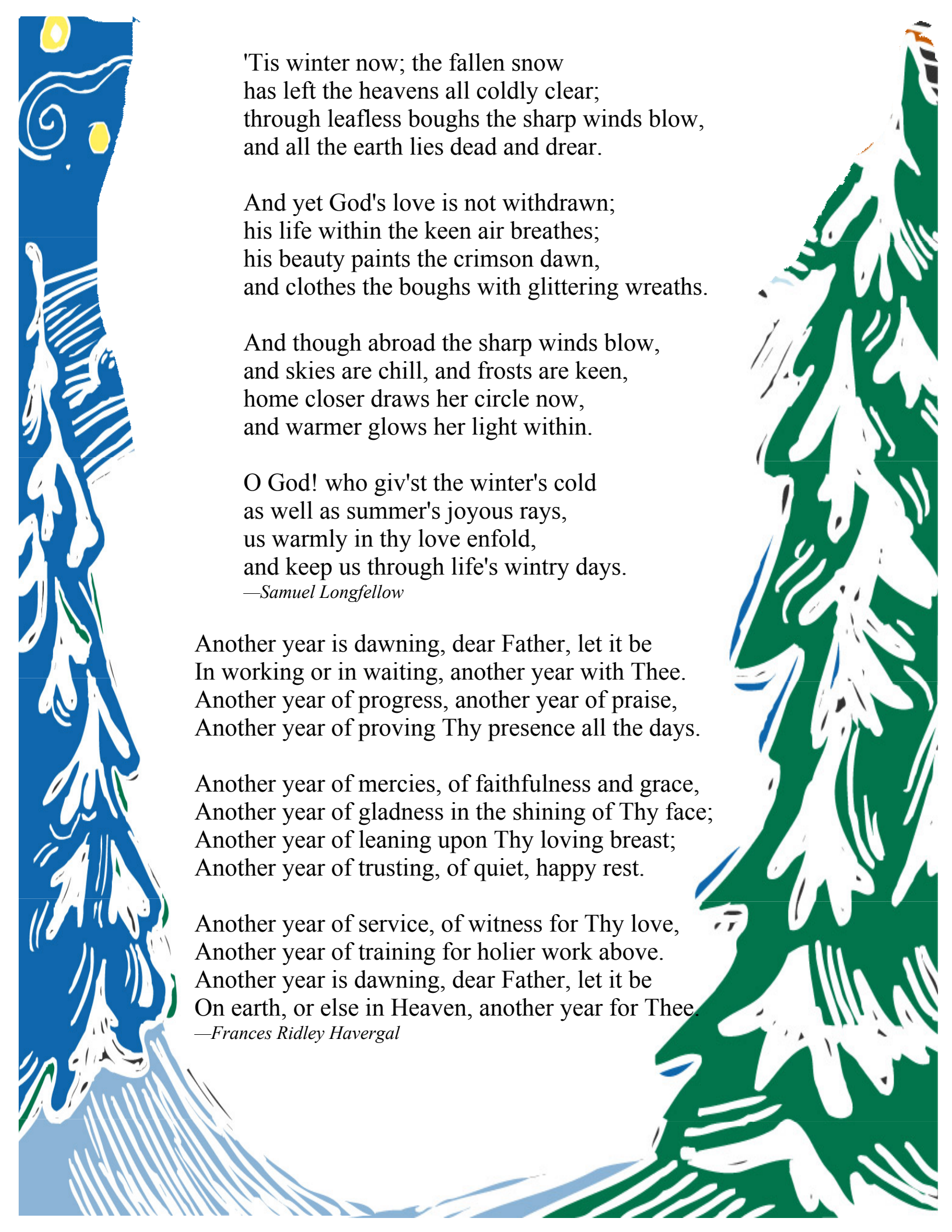
*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 AM, Morning Worship 11:00 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM — FRIDAY: Women's Meeting 10:00 AM*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our sister church to pray for this week is **Millville, New Jersey**. The pastor is Gary Mills.
- Continue to pray for Chris and Margo.
- Recent requests for physical needs -
  - **Nora Johnson, Alberta Heckman, Lillian Heckman Jamison** (broken hip), **Hazel (Mrs. Meredith) Foster, Keith Posson**
- Recent requests from our Cobleskill church: **Gladys M, Laverne, Helen, Ralph, Kathleen, Genevieve, and Sharon.**
- Our young people returning to school
- The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
- Our service personnel, especially **Wesley Lum, Jacob Eggleston , Donnie Gray, Anthony & Joyce Willey, Ryan Mills, and Charles Laraway.**
- Our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization,

### *Suggested Daily Scripture Reading*

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Genesis 8:1-10:32	Genesis 11:1-13:4	Genesis 13:5-15:21	Genesis 16:1-18:15
NT	Matthew 4:12-25	Matthew 5:1-26	Matthew 5:27-48	Matthew 6:1-24
PSA	Psalms 4:1-8	Psalms 5:1-12	Psalms 6:1-10	Psalms 7:1-17
PROV	Proverbs 4	Proverbs 5	Proverbs 6	Proverbs 7
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Genesis 18:16-19:38	Genesis 20:1-22:24	Genesis 23:1-24:51	
	Matthew 6:25-7:14	Matthew 7:15-29	Matthew 8:1-17	
	Psalms 8:1-9	Psalms 9:1-12	Psalms 9:13-20	
	Proverbs 8	Proverbs 9	Proverbs 10	



'Tis winter now; the fallen snow  
has left the heavens all coldly clear;  
through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow,  
and all the earth lies dead and drear.

And yet God's love is not withdrawn;  
his life within the keen air breathes;  
his beauty paints the crimson dawn,  
and clothes the boughs with glittering wreaths.

And though abroad the sharp winds blow,  
and skies are chill, and frosts are keen,  
home closer draws her circle now,  
and warmer glows her light within.

O God! who giv'st the winter's cold  
as well as summer's joyous rays,  
us warmly in thy love enfold,  
and keep us through life's wintry days.

—*Samuel Longfellow*

Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be  
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee.  
Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,  
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;  
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,  
Another year of training for holier work above.  
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be  
On earth, or else in Heaven, another year for Thee.

—*Frances Ridley Havergal*