

# First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

January 14, 2018 11:00 A.M.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: You search us and know us, Lord,

**People: Before we speak, you know our thoughts.**

Leader: Wonderful are your works, mighty God;

**People: We praise your name!**

\*Hymn 85 *Immortal, Invisible*

\*Prayer of the Day (said by all)

**Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the church.**

**Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Concerns of the Congregation

Message to the Children

\*Hymn 300 *Take Time to Be Holy*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

1 Samuel 3:1-20; **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

1 Corinthians 6:12-20; \*John 1:43-51

\*Gloria Patri (#546)

Special Music

Sermon When God Does a New Thing

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: from Ephesians 1

Reception of New Member

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology (#544)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 390 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*indicates the congregation may stand

## Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

You search me, Lord, and know me.

**Whenever I sit or stand, you read my  
inmost thoughts.**

Whenever I walk or rest,

**You know where I have been.**

Before a word slips from my tongue, Lord,

**You know what I will say.**

You close in on me,

**Pressing your hand upon me.**

All this overwhelms me –

**Too much to understand!**

You created every part of me,

**Knitting me in my mother's womb.**

For such handiwork, I praise you.

**Awesome is this great wonder!**

You watched every bone taking shape  
in secret,

**Forming in the hidden depths.**

You saw my body grow

**According to your design.**

You recorded all my days

**Before they ever began.**

How deep are your thoughts!

**How vast their sum!**

Like countless grains of sand,

**Well beyond my grasp.**

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## Affirmation of Faith

*from Ephesians 1:17-22*

**We pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of glory,  
may give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation  
as we come to know him,  
so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened,  
we may know what is the hope to which he has  
called us,  
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance  
among the saints,  
and what is the immeasurable greatness of his  
power for us who believe, according to the  
working of his great power.**

**God put this power to work in Christ when he  
raised him from the dead  
and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly  
places,  
far above all rule and authority and power and  
dominion, and above every name that is named,  
not only in this age but in the age to come.  
And he has put all things under his feet  
and has made him the head over all things for  
the church, which is his body,  
the fullness of him who fills all in all.**

Dear Members and Friends,

As we prepare for the new year, the Church invites you to prayerfully consider making a pledge of financial support for 2018. The benefits are many

Yes, it's true that the missions and programs of the Church cost money - around \$10,000 per active family most years. It's also true that having some idea of expected resources helps the Session budget responsibly. But as important as these are, they pale in comparison to what pledging does for each of *us*.

**Just as our bodies and minds need exercise to keep us healthy, our spirit needs exercise too. Prayerful pledging is an excellent form of spiritual exercise.**

Pledging from faith says, "I may not know for sure *how* I can do this, but I have faith that God will help me each week." Confronting this challenge is a very effective *spiritual workout* -- one which builds personal and spiritual discipline, while helping accomplish God's work in our community and our world.

Please pledge today! You don't need to be a member. You don't even need to be a grown up. You just need to care enough to drop your confidential, non-binding pledge form in the plate when it comes by.

Your Church will thank you, and your spirit will begin to develop that toned, well conditioned feel that only a good *workout* can provide.