



Glade Weekly News

May 28–June 2, 2024

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Word for the Week

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Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 (Common English Bible)

- ¹ God, you have examined me.
You know me.
- ² You know when I sit down and when I stand up.
Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.
- ³ You study my traveling and resting.
You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ There isn't a word on my tongue, God,
that you don't already know completely.
- ⁵ You surround me—front and back.
You put your hand on me.
- ⁶ That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.
- ¹³ You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.
Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.
- ¹⁵ My bones weren't hidden from you
when I was being put together in a secret place,
when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my embryo,
and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me,
before any one of them had yet happened.
- ¹⁷ God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!
Their total number is countless!
- ¹⁸ If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand!
If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.



This passage illustrates a singer's intimate relationship with their Creator, the Creator of all things. God is utterly familiar with every aspect of the psalmist's existence. The psalmist expresses amazement, awe, and adoration for God. This psalm in worship reminds us that we are known, comprehended, and understood. We have complete security and safety in the arms

of our God. They meet our needs before they occur and even our thoughts are no mystery. This is intensely personal.

The One who knows us from the moment we are “knit together” until we come “to the very end” knows us better than we know ourselves. We belong. We love and are loved and valued. This is so intense, and like all things of this intense nature, we can find it difficult to maintain or endure. We are imperfect. We leave things undone. We can be overwhelmed from the raw emotion and push away and try to hide from the immensity of God’s power. To be so intimately known can leave us feeling vulnerable, or to quote verse 6, “That kind of knowledge is too much for me.” It takes away any sense of autonomy or independence that we may like to imagine that we possess from time to time.

However, God is there to welcome us back each time we stray. They “have examined me” and “are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.” They know when we will stray. They know when we will return. There is absolutely nothing that God does not know about us. Wherever we go, God is there. Nothing we do goes unnoticed because we belong to God, and absolutely nothing can separate us from the love that They lavish upon us at all times.

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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday. Please contact Pastor Kelly at 540-521-9993 or bryantkj@gmail.com if you need them outside of these times.

Lectionary Readings

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6

In Other Words

Taken from:

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by **Tauren Wells, Jordan Douglas Sapp, Ethan Gregory Hulse**
https://youtu.be/xckDgX8xNfg?si=497SV_v6Nz5JB9vV

It's so unusual, it's frightening
You see right through the mess inside me
And you call me out to pull me in
You tell me I can start again
And I don't need to keep on hiding

It's so like You to keep pursuing
It's so like me to go astray
But You guard my heart with Your truth
A kind of love that's bulletproof
And I surrender to Your kindness

I'm fully known and loved by You
You won't let go no matter what I do
And it's not one or the other
It's hard truth and ridiculous grace
To be known fully known and loved by You
I'm fully known and loved by You

Announcements and Weekly Events

Join us for worship at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday Morning

Attend in-person at 1600 Glade Rd. Blacksburg, or on Zoom at

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success

The Nursery NEEDS Volunteers

The nursery is set up so whoever works there can view/listen to the worship service. Thus, you can volunteer and still be in “virtual attendance” at worship! If four people volunteer, it would mean one Sunday each month for each volunteer.

Please consider **signing up for the nursery program**: <https://signup.com/go/ivEyNZK>

Signup to Provide Snacks for After Worship Fellowship

There is a **signup sheet outside the sanctuary** to sign up to bring a small snack for the fellowship time following worship each Sunday. It can be cookies, fruit, or other small items. Remember, however, that the first Sunday of each month is “Birthday Celebration” when small cakes are welcome.

Opportunities for this Week

Coffee & Devotion Group Meets on Zoom Wednesday, May 29 at 10:00 am

This virtual get-together meets at 10 a.m. on Zoom and lasts for about an hour for a time to meet people, share thoughts, hear a brief devotion, and join in prayer.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUrkdPaUNqUTog>

Radical Conversations Meets Saturday, June 1 at 11:00 am

Radical Conversations meets from 11:00-12:15 each Saturday morning at the church. This is a time for open discussion of a wide range of topics. We are currently doing a study of Ezra & Nehemiah + Esther from the Hebrew scriptures. It is a topic with considerable meaning for contemporary times.

Everyone is welcome to this informal discussion and fellowship group – many who attend do not attend Glade and we enjoy a wide variety of opinions in our discussions each week.

Join Glade Church at Pulaski Pride on Saturday, June 1 from 4-8 pm



Glade Church had a tent at the 2023 Pulaski Pride and we’re doing it again this year! We had a great time and made some new friends as well as “debates” with a few people who were less than LGBTQ+ friendly. The only other church there was the Episcopal Church in Pulaski.

This year we will have a tent along with rock painting. There should also be some food trucks this year for refreshment and food. Set up is at 3 pm. **Everyone is welcome to join the fun!**

Laundry Love washes clothes on Sunday, June 2 from 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Laundry Love has opportunities to volunteer. This is a great way to put “Words” into “Actions” of faith and love. We do this at the laundromat on North Main across from the Y-Thrift Shop. This is not an “evangelism” outreach and we do not say it is a ministry of Glade Church unless someone asks. Like Jesus, we do this out of love and sharing God’s grace, meeting people where they live.

VOLUNTEER FOR LAUNDRY LOVE

Glade Church is a congregation in the Shenandoah Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Below are some of the symbols used by the United Church of Christ.



From left to right: (1) the original symbol from when the Evangelical Reformed Church joined with the Congregational Christian Church to form the United Church of Christ. (2) the original symbol with LGBTQ+ addition. (3) the Comma for the God Is Still Speaking Campaign. (4) the newest symbol in its LGBTQ+ form.

The UCC motto is from John 17:21
“That they may all be one.”