

Pastor Randy's short devotion for Tuesday, January 31st

“He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold?” (Psalm 147:15-17)

When we step outside today and this week, we are going to feel the bitter cold of late January and early February with twenty to thirty below wind chill factors. When it is this cold, it is a challenge to do some of the simplest things, like walking out to get the mail, or walk the dog, or simply starting the car. When we face this kind of cold, we are reminded that we are not in control. We are not in control of the weather or a number of things. Our Psalmist reminds us of the greatness of our Lord. The Psalm starts out by praising our God and how there is no one like our God. For example, the Psalmist declares the power of God to send snow, scatters frost and who can stand before his cold. When we witness the power of creation, like snow storms and bitter cold, we are to recall that our Lord is greater than the blizzards with the snow blowing so hard that you can't see a few feet. Our Lord is more powerful than the bitter cold that chills us to the bone. Just as our Lord is greater and more powerful than the storms we experience in nature, our Lord is greater and more powerful than other storms we face, like suffering brokenness in our relationships, the power of guilt and shame. The Lord wraps his love around us with his love that no power, no storm can take us out of the arms of our Lord.