

Pastor Randy's short devotion for March 2nd:

“He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down hail like crumbs. Who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word and melts them. He makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.” (Psalm 147:15-18)

Last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday the wind was blowing, there was freezing rain covering the roads with ice, there was snow and there was a strong wind blowing the snow all around. This Wednesday morning, the sky was blue, the sun was shining and the warmth of the sun was melting the snow creating rivulets of water flowing from the snow banks. We can't control the weather and it is a good thing that we cannot. Some would be praying for rain, some would pray for snow, some would pray for sun, some would pray for warmth, some would pray for cold. The Lord would be very busy trying to best answer all those prayers. As the Psalmist experiences the snow and the hoar frost, and encounters the pelting hail, he declares it is God's word that brings such things about and asks, who can stand against his cold? Then the Psalmist notes how God can just as quickly send out his word and melts the snow and frost, sending a warm wind and the water flows. God's word accomplishes what is proclaimed. We can't change it and we can't resist. This is also Good News for us for as God sent his Word, the Word that became flesh, our Lord Jesus into the world. Jesus proclaimed God's words of love. Jesus declares forgiveness. Jesus gives us his peace. Who can resist God's Word?