

KNIGHTSVILLE Methodist Church

Faith - Family - Fellowship

ORDER OF WORSHIP **TRADITIONAL SERVICE** FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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| HYMN OF FAITH | My Faith Look Up to Thee (Hymnal #452; vs 1 & 3) | Chancel Choir & Congregation |
| PSALTER | Psalm 103:1-22 | Peggy Lawton |
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| WORDS OF WISDOM | Lamentations 3:22-27 | Peggy Lawton |
| ANTHEM OF HOPE | O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS) | Chancel Choir |
| DOXLOGY / BLESSING OF THE OFFERING | | |
| WORD OF GOD | Hebrews 6:10-12 | Sheila Tucker |
| SPIRITUAL VITAMIN | Hold That Door Open: The Door to Your World | |
| PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH / THE LORD'S PRAYER | | Jim Vaughn |
| HYMN OF LOVE | I Surrender All (Hymnal #354; vs 1,3,5) | Chancel Choir & Congregation |
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PRAYER OF REVIVAL

Pastor: Please join me in today's Prayer of Revival

People: Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and in earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PSALTER - Psalm 103:1-22

Leader: Please join me today in our responsive reading, taken from the Book of Psalms, chapter 103. Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

People: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

Leader: The Lord gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly. He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel.

People: The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

Leader: For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

People: The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust. Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die. The wind blows, and we are gone—as though we had never been here.

Leader: But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children's children of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments! The Lord has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything.

People: Praise the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands. Yes, praise the Lord, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will! Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom. Let all that I am praise the Lord.

WORDS OF WISDOM - Lamentations 3:22-27

Like the book of Job, Lamentations pictures a man of God puzzling over the results of evil and suffering in the world. However, while Job dealt with unexplained evil, The Prophet, Jeremiah, lamented a tragedy entirely of Jerusalem's making. The people of this once great city experienced the judgment of the holy God, and the results were devastating. But at the heart of this book, at the center of this lament over the effects of sin in the world, sit a few verses, chapter 3, verses 22-27, are devoted to hope in the Lord. This statement of faith standing strong in the midst of the surrounding darkness shines as a beacon to all those suffering under the consequences of their own sin and disobedience.

Allow these words from chapter 3 to ignite into you a newfound passion for a new you and a time to refocus, refresh, and restart as you navigate the world in which you "choose" to live.

The faithful love of the Lord never ends!^[a]

His mercies never cease.

Great is his faithfulness;

his mercies begin afresh each morning.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance;
therefore, I will hope in him!"

The Lord is good to those who depend on him,
to those who search for him.

So it is good to wait quietly
for salvation from the Lord.

And it is good for people to submit at an early age
to the yoke of his discipline:

May God bless our discernment of His Holy Word.

People: May we ever protect and keep it pure. Amen.

WORD OF GOD - Hebrews 6:10-12

What is customarily called the Letter to the Hebrews is a sermon in written form for Christians. The main topic of Hebrews is the saving significance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Its starting point is the early Christian confession that "*Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures*". It portrays Jesus' death as the perfect sacrifice for sins. And since Jesus went willingly to his death, it presents him as the great high priest who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice. In short, there is more to be gained in having total belief in Christ than to be lost in the world in which we live. Pressing on in Christ produces tested faith, self-discipline, and a visible love seen in good works.

Listen carefully to these words from chapter 6. Allow them to open your heart to a fuller understanding of the responsibilities that come with following Jesus.

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do. Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.