

KNIGHTSVILLE **Methodist Church**

Faith - Family - Fellowship

A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY



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Charge Conference 2025

Prelude		Layne Thompson
Call to Worship	Let There Be Peace on Earth	Hymnal #431
Welcome		Pastor Robert
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Charles Cathey, Lay Leader
Hymns of Faith		
	It's Me, It's Me, O Lord	Hymnal #352
	(Standing in the Need of Prayer)	
	Standing on the Promises	Hymnal #374
Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	Jim Vaughn, Lay Minister
Word of God	Luke 2:8-20	Doug Hammond, DMS
Homily	Good News of Great Joy	Rev. Cheri Yates
Celebrating Knightsville Methodist		Jay Barnes, Adm. Council Chair
Hymn of Hope	Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus	Hymnal #514
Mission of the Church		Pastor Robert
Business Session-Pastor Compensation; Trustees Report		
Blessing of Leadership & Lay Servant Ministry-Dianne Boykin; Shawn Boykin; Charles Cathey; Doug Hammond; James Vaughn		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
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Benediction		

Holy Communion Stewards
Rev. Robert Harper, Rev. Bill Masciangelo,
Rev. Randy Williams and Rev. Cheri Yates

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lay Leader: Gracious and faithful God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude.

People: You have walked with us, sustained us, and poured out Your Spirit upon our church.

Lay Leader: We thank You for every soul touched, every life changed, and every moment of ministry that glorified Your name.

People: You have called us to glorify God, commit to Christ, teach the truth, fellowship through faith, and love the least, the lost, and the lonely.

Lay Leader: Thank You for the opportunities to serve our neighbors in Summerville—through missions, meals, prayers, and presence.

People: Thank You for growth in worship, deepening discipleship, and the joy of community that reflects Your kingdom.

Lay Leader: Now, Lord, transform us again. Renew our hearts with boldness and compassion.

People: Refine our vision to see what You see. Reignite our passion to serve with humility and love.

Lay Leader: May we continue to be a beacon of hope, a house of truth, and a people of grace.

People: May our hands be open, our voices lifted, and our lives surrendered to Your will.

Lay Leader: Let the year ahead be marked by greater faithfulness, fruitfulness, and fellowship.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and King, we give thanks and say Amen.

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed has a fascinating history! While its roots trace back to early Christianity, the precise text evolved over centuries. The creed is believed to have developed from an earlier statement of faith known as the Old Roman Creed, which was in use as early as the second century. The earliest written form of this creed is found in a letter that Marcellus of Ancyra wrote in Greek to Julius, the bishop of Rome, about AD 341. **In it, he recounted the viewpoint that the apostles wrote the creed together after Pentecost, before leaving Jerusalem to preach.**

The creed serves as a concise summary of Christian beliefs, affirming foundational doctrines such as:

- The Trinity: Belief in God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Christ's Life and Work: His conception, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.
- Salvation and Eternal Life: The forgiveness of sins and the hope of resurrection.

It is not just a doctrinal statement but also a confession of faith.

Please join me today as we affirm our faith in the triune God.

Lay Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Lay Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Lay Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Word of God - Luke 2:8-20

Luke, a physician, writes with the compassion and warmth of a family doctor as he carefully documents the perfect humanity of the Son of Man, Jesus Christ. Luke emphasizes Jesus' ancestry, birth, and early life before moving carefully and chronologically through His earthly ministry. Through Jesus' prophetic birth God's purpose will be fulfilled: "to seek and to save that which was lost".

Allow these words from the New International Version to open up your soul to realize the enormous amount of love God offers you in a personal relationship with His son, Jesus the Christ.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So, they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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

People: Thanks be to God.