

**Knightsville Methodist**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Traditional Worship Service**  
**January 11, 2026**  
**8:45 a.m.**

Welcome		DH
Prayer for Spiritual Awakening		PR
Call to Worship	I want to Walk as a Child of the Light	Chancel Choir
Hymn of Faith	Awake, O Sleeper (All Sing-Verses 1-3)	Congregation & Chancel Choir
Words of Wisdom	Psalm 34:15-18	Jerry Volf
Anthem of Hope	Outside My Gate, Outside My Door	Chancel Choir
Doxology / Blessing of the Offering		Jim Vaughn
Word of God	1 Peter 5:1-11	Leslie Hannah
Video		
Responsive Prayer for Christ's Presence		PR
Spiritual Vitamin	The Time Is Now - A Neighborhood Church on Mission Healing the Brokenhearted	
Prayers of the Church		DH
Hymn of Love	Near to the Heart of God (All Sings-Verses 1-3)	Congregation & Chancel Choir
Going Forth Blessing		

## **Prayer for Spiritual Awakening**

**Pastor:** Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Leader:** Holy and gracious God, Awaken our hearts to Your presence this day. You are the One who draws near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let that nearness be our comfort, our courage, and our awakening.

Awaken us to humility, that we may cast all our anxieties on You, for You care for us more deeply than we can comprehend. Strengthen us to resist the enemy who seeks to devour hope, and make us steadfast in faith, knowing that our brothers and sisters around the world stand with us in the same grace.

Awaken us to Your nearness. Awaken us to Your calling. Awaken us to Your kingdom breaking in. And awaken us to the truth that You are with us, redeeming, restoring, and renewing all things.

To You be the power forever and ever. Amen.

## **Responsive Prayer for Christ's Presence**

**Pastor:** Help us Lord to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.

**People:** Flood my soul with your spirit and love.

**Pastor:** Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that all our lives may only be a radiance of you.

**People:** Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul.

**Pastor:** Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus.

**People:** Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.

**ALL:** We offer up this prayer in Jesus's name, Amen!

## Words of Wisdom - Psalm 34:15-18

Psalm 34:15-18 is a gentle awakening: You are seen. You are heard. You are not alone. And even in the places where your spirit feels crushed, God is already near—working, healing, and holding you steady.

Allow these words from the New Living Translation settle into your soul today: The nearness of God is your hope, your strength, and your peace.

The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right;  
his ears are open to their cries for help.  
But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil;  
he will erase their memory from the earth.  
The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help.  
He rescues them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;  
he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

May God bless our discernment to His Holy Word.

**People: Praise be to God.**

## Word of God - 1 Peter 5:1-11

Today's Word of God comes to us from the New Living Translation, 1st Peter, chapter 5 verses 1 through 11.

Now hear the word of the Lord.

And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: **Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.** Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care but lead them by your own good example. And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor.

In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for

“God opposes the proud  
but gives grace to the humble.”

So, humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So, after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. All power to him forever! Amen.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**