

**MCKENDREE-SIMMS-BROOKLAND
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Order of Worship

February 9, 2025 – 10:00AM

All members and guests are reminded to check their phones when entering the sanctuary to make sure they are turned off or in silent mode.

***Please Stand**

Prelude

Min. Charles Phillips

Welcome/Announcements/ Recognition of Guests.

Mary Pinn, Liturgist

Black History Month Moment

Invocation

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When we gather, to worship, and pray, we are opening ourselves up to God, creating the possibility of being swept up off our feet by a great life-changing flood of grace.

People: Today, O Loving God, help us to pay attention to your Word.

Leader: Part of what we ask, Teaching God, is that you shape our prayers, and this service, empty us to the place where we are honest, and open. Show us who we are supposed to be.

People: Today, O Nurturing God, clothe us in your love, fill us with your living water, and endow us with the power to use our lives for Your good.

Leader: Take charge of us, O Guiding Holy Spirit.

Together: Take charge, O Revealing God. We are ready to listen. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Lift Every Voice

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1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us. Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our people sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered. We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way, thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

Sign of the week

Hands in Christian Services

Children's Moment

Offertory Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offering

Congregation

*Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
Creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

Ministry in Music

"Everything"

Chancel Choir

***Exclamation of the Holy Word**

Genesis 19 1-11; 14

Judges 19:22-26

Genesis 19 1-11; 14

1 The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. 2 He said, "Please, my lords, turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet; then you can rise early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the square." 3 But he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house, and he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. 4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house, 5 and they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, so that we may know them." 6 Lot went out of the door to the men, shut the door after him, 7 and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. 8 Look, I have two daughters who have not known a man; let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please; only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof." 9 But they replied, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came here as an alien, and he would play the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot and came near the door to break it down. 10 But the men inside reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. 11 And they struck with blindness the men who were at the door of the house, both small and great, so that they were unable to find the door.

14 So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up, get out of this place, for the Lord is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

Judges 19:22-26

22 While they were enjoying themselves, the men of the city, a perverse lot, surrounded the house and started pounding on the door. They said to the old man, the master of the house, "Bring out the man who came into your house, so that we may have intercourse with him." 23 And the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. Since this man is my guest, do not do this vile thing. 24 Here are my virgin daughter and his concubine; let me bring them out now. Ravish them and do whatever you want to them, but against this man do not do such a vile thing." 25 But the men would not listen to him. So the man seized his concubine and put her out to them. They wantonly raped her and abused her all through the night until the morning. And as the dawn began to break, they let her go. 26 As morning appeared, the woman came and fell down at the door of the man's house where her master was, until it was light.

LEADER: THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Have an announcement?

Please submit it to: msbannouncements@gmail.com

- Please be advised that Covid and other respiratory cases are on the rise. Wearing a mask is still optional, but strongly encouraged during morning worship. Don't forget to sanitize and wash your hands. Please stay home if you feel sick.
- Please mark your calendars to join us for our next Bible Study Series Wednesday, February 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Meeting ID: 863 7320 9008 | Call Number: 301-715-8592 | Password: 547396.
- MSB let's celebrate Black History by wearing our African attire on 3rd and 4th Sundays as we continue to celebrate the men of MSB.
- Have a question or message about the sermon. Join Pastor Brown for donuts and coffee after service this Sunday to have an open discussion about the sermon series "Good Love". You will be able to write your questions and messages on cards and the Pastor will read them.
- The MSB Family mourns the loss of Sis. Kathryn Thornton, on Wednesday, November 27, 2024. A small memorial service will be held Saturday, February 15, at 12:30 PM in the Chapel. Cards of expression may be sent to Ms. Sonia Allen (sister) at 6806 Middlefield Terrace Fort Washington, MD 20744.
- Take your pick of delicious cookies in various flavors, and select "Deliver My Cookies" for great customer service of your order being hand-delivered free from delivery cost. We look forward to serving. Thank you in advance for your patronage. Happy Cookie Shopping, Adama Laila Yates. The to purchase is link is provided for you in your latest issue of the Pastor's Desk.
- The Jones (leasha Jones) and Dobyys Families want to sincerely thank the MSB Angels for their very generous baby shower gifts and love shown to our family for our little Ihsan. Being on bedrest and having Ihsan early was a very trying time for our families. We are truly grateful for all the gifts and the prayers, and how you showed empathy and compassion for a family you barely knew. Ihsan has been a miracle and he continues to be healthy and develop wonderfully. We've included recent pictures of Ihsan to show how much he has grown. We truly thank God for you all and all you have done for us. Bless you! The Jones (leasha, Julius, Tyrin and Ihsan) and Dobyys Family
- In an effort to update our membership records, each MSB member of your household is requested to fill out and return a membership form. Forms will be available today and over the next few Sundays. There are 3 ways to complete the form: 1. Fill out a physical copy (found in the Narthex) and submit it to an Usher, the Church office, or Sis. Artis Johnson 2. Fill out the electronic PDF version of the form, which can be found in the Pastor's Desk. PLEASE NOTE: if you sign the form using an electronic signature, you WILL NOT be able to go back and make edits. If you type your name on the "signature" line, you may go back and edit if needed. Once completed, save it and email it to the church office at msbannouncements@gmail.com. 3. Fill out the google form, which is also in the Pastor's Desk. Questions may be directed to Sis. Artis. If you have questions about filling the form electronically, please contact Sis. Jordan.
- Calling all 2025 High School graduates - It's scholarship time! The Wilson, Reeves, Spearman and Simmons Scholarship Foundation (WRSS) has begun accepting application for 2025 scholarships. To apply go to the website at WRSS Scholarship Foundation for the application and more information. Application deadline is April 18, 2025.
- Join us in February for The Sermon Series, Good Love. We are invited to use the Wesley Quadrilateral—Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience—to discuss the gifts of sex and love. This series is intended for a mature audience; however, children and youth will have Children's Church in the Education Building.
- Let us continue to keep in prayer all members who are mourning the passing of loved ones and those on the sick and recovering list.

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We appreciate your continued gifts of generosity of tithes and offerings given online, in worship, or by regular mail. It allows us to continue to advance the kingdom through ministry and to be good stewards of the House of Worship.