

Welcome to Our Worship Gathering

At Knox Baptist Church, we believe that our worship should be regulated by the Word of God. We follow the **Regulative Principle of Worship**, meaning that we only include elements in our service that God has commanded in Scripture. **Below is an explanation of our liturgy** and the biblical foundation for each part.

Call to Worship & Invocation Prayer

Our gathering begins with a call to worship, where we are summoned by God's Word to set our hearts and minds upon Him (Psalm 95:6; 100:2-3). This is followed by an invocation prayer, where we seek God's presence, acknowledging our dependence on Him (Psalm 124:8).

Singing Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

We sing five songs in our service—three at the beginning and two at the end. The first set prepares our hearts for the Word, while the latter serves as a response to what we have heard. Singing is an act of corporate worship, teaching and admonishing one another (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19).

Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

As sinners before a holy God, we confess our sins together, acknowledging our need for Christ's atonement (1 John 1:9). Following confession, we hear an assurance of forgiveness, a reminder of the gospel's promise that all who repent and trust in Christ are fully pardoned (Romans 8:1; Isaiah 1:18).

Pastoral Prayer

The pastoral prayer is an intercession for our congregation, other faithful churches, and pressing needs in our country and world. Scripture commands us to pray for all people, including governing authorities and fellow believers (1 Timothy 2:1-2; James 5:16).

Expository Preaching

The centerpiece of our gathering is the expository preaching of God's Word. We believe that Scripture alone is sufficient to instruct and build up the church (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Therefore, we systematically preach through books of the Bible, letting God's Word set the agenda for our teaching (Nehemiah 8:8; Acts 2:42).

The Lord's Supper

We partake in the Lord's Supper as Christ commanded, proclaiming His death until He comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). This is a sacred ordinance given to the church, in which baptized believers partake of bread and the cup in remembrance of Christ's atoning work (Luke 22:19-20).

Final Charge

Before we are dismissed, a final charge is given—often an exhortation to live out what we have heard, remaining faithful in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:58; Philippians 1:27).

Benediction & Doxology

We close with a benediction, a scriptural blessing over the congregation (2 Corinthians 13:14), and a doxology, a declaration of praise to God (Romans 11:36; Jude 24-25).

A CHRIST-CENTERED WORSHIP

Our worship is God-centered, Christ-exalting, and Word-driven. Every element is designed to magnify the glory of God and build up His people in faith. We pray that your time with us will be edifying and that you will see the beauty of Christ in our worship.

Soli Deo Gloria!

