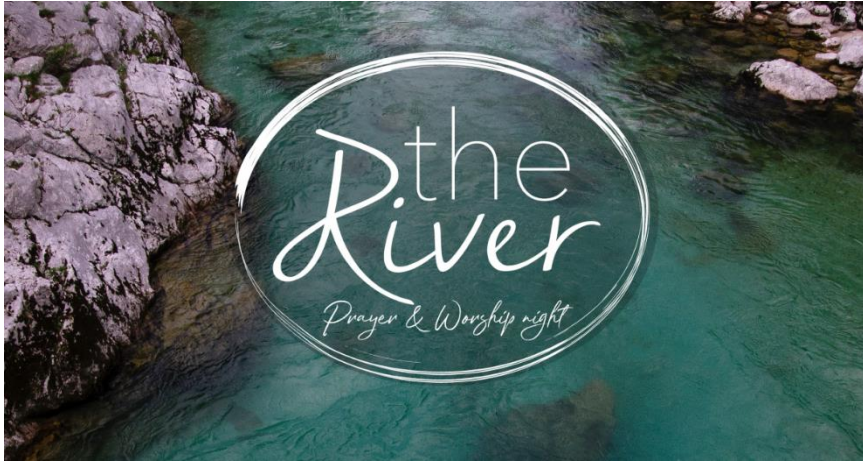




Sunday, December 9 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Join us the once a month on Sunday evenings for The River. Our prayer is that these evenings of spirit-led worship and prayer would provide an environment conducive to deepening life with God - a place where the rivers of living water will flow within you!



December 24 Services @ 2:00, 3:30 & 5:00 pm

Do you look around and wonder what is happening in our World?

Where is the HOPE this Christmas season? Hope is not about having a life free from the problems of life; Hope is about living your life FREE from fear. Hope is about knowing the PERFECT LOVE DISPLAYED in the gift that has been given for everyone...HOPE MADE ALIVE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

Bring your entire family and join us this Christmas Eve for **HOPE REALIZED!**

HOW? long?

In the Waiting

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December 9, 2018**

Ecclesiastes 3: ESV

*a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

What is Advent?

What does it mean to lament?

Job 3:3-6 ESV

*Let the day perish on which I was born,
and the night that said,
'A man is conceived.'
Let that day be darkness!
May God above not seek it,
nor light shine upon it.
Let gloom and deep darkness claim it.
Let clouds dwell upon it;
let the blackness of the day terrify it.
That night—let thick darkness seize it!
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;
let it not come into the number of the months.*

Lamentations 1:16 ESV

*For these things I weep;
my eyes flow with tears;
for a comforter is far from me,
one to revive my spirit;
my children are desolate,
for the enemy has prevailed."*

Luke 13:34 ESV

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Habakkuk 1:2-4 ESV

*O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.*

Prayer of Lament

*Awake! Why are you asleep, O Lord? Arise! Cast us not off forever!
Why do you hide your face, forgetting our woe and our oppression?
For our souls are bowed down to the dust, our bodies are pressed
to the earth.*

Psalm 44:23-26

*How long, O Lord? Will you utterly forget me? How long will you
hide your face from me? How long shall I harbor sorrow in my
soul, grief in my heart day after day? How long will my enemy
triumph over me?*

Psalm 13:2-3

Prayer in Anger

*Pour out your wrath upon the nations that acknowledge you not,
upon the kingdoms that call not upon your name.*

*Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let it be known
among the nations in our sight that you avenge the shedding of
your servants' blood.*

*And repay our neighbors sevenfold into their bosoms the disgrace
they have inflicted on you, O Lord.* Psalm 79:6, 10, 12

*Rise up, judge of the earth; render their deserts to the proud. How
long, O Lord, shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked glory,
Mouthing insolent speeches, boasting, all the evildoers?*

Psalm 94:2-4

Personal Affliction

*Look toward me, and have pity on me, for I am alone and afflicted.
Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering, and take away all my
sins. Behold, my enemies are many, and they hate me violently.
Preserve my life, and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I
take refuge in you.* Psalm 25:16-20

Trust in God

*Show us, O Lord, your kindness, and grant us your salvation. I will
hear what God proclaims; the Lord—for he proclaims peace. To
his people, and to his faithful ones, and to those who put in him
their hope. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.* Psalm 85:8-10

*Many say, "Oh, that we might see better times!" O Lord, let the
light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my
heart, more than when grain and wine abound. As soon as I lie
down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O Lord, bring security
to my dwelling.* Psalm 4:7-9

Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions

- What do you find yourself lamenting over in this Advent season?
- How can you walk with others this Christmas season who are in a season of lament?