

HABAKKUK

TRUSTING GOD IN TROUBLING TIMES



Welcome!
We're glad
YOU
are here!



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

A community
Centered in Christ,
gathering in love,
growing by grace,
going forth to serve.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

The First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018 • 11:00am

OPENING PRAISE

The Lenten Candle symbolizes God's Everlasting Light in the midst of troubling times. The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

Lord, I Need You

Poem: Sometimes God Shows Up

(written by Joanna Harader; posted on Spacious Faith: spaciousfaith.com)

Your Love Never Fails

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

(Silent prayers of confession are offered)

ALL: God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Forgive each of us and seat us at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Ministers
The People

Preacher
Dale Chapin

Dramatic Scripture
Max Blaska

Prayers of the People
Angie Dickens

Worship Director
Vocals, Piano
Natalie Handley

Vocals
Aaron Considine
Nadya Braaksma

Oboe, Vocals
John Itson

Electric Guitar
Abe Lee

Synth
Laura Gallagher

Bass Guitar, Vocals
Mary Strait

Drums
Steve Porter

Slides
Morgan Smallwood

Audio-Visual
Coordinator
Bryan Yates

First Impressions Team
Cheryl Shult
Brenda & Marty
McMiller
Fabrice & Malvina
Nyanjo

Assurance of Forgiveness

All Creatures of Our God and King

Passing of the Peace

COMMUNITY

Welcome & Announcements

HEARING THE WORD

Dramatic Scripture

Habakkuk 1:1-4

Message

How Long?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offering Our Tithes & Gifts

Psalm 13 (How Long?)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Cornerstone

Blessing

Habakkuk: Trusting God in Troubling Times

The problem of injustice and suffering is undisputed, persistent and unavoidable. When we are the ones experiencing the pain and injustice it can lead to the kind of crisis which shakes our trust in God. Hard, seeming imponderable questions concerning God's goodness, God's power, God's intentions, God's ways in the world come to the fore.

As a man with a burning passion for the honor of God, Habakkuk experienced a profound spiritual crisis because of the apparent indifference of the Lord to the desolate spiritual conditions of his people. Studying this book will deepen our conversation with God as we learn to speak honestly to God when in crisis, while also listening attentively to his words of truth and hope.

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