

HABAKKUK

TRUSTING GOD IN TROUBLING TIMES



Welcome!
We're glad
YOU
are here!

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)



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018 • 11:00am

OPENING PRAISE

Call to Worship (Leader/People)

In a world that cries out, "Fear me!"

We will listen to Jesus' words, "Do not be afraid."

In a world that wants us to hate the other,

We will live Jesus' call to "Love God. Love your neighbor, as you love yourself."

In a world that radicalizes ...

We, too, will be radical. Radical with our hospitality.

Radical with our hope. Radical with our love.

So we have come to this place, ready to become who God has called us to be.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Here in this house, we receive God's vision for a whole and perfect world.

Let us sing together and worship our perfect God!

Blessed Be Your Name

Oh How I Need You

Prayer of Confession *inspired by Amos 5*

Holy, Perfect God, we admit that we put other things above you in our lives. We say we long for you, but we actually long for more money and more comfort.

We confess that we are openly rebellious against you. We are fallen, never to rise again unless you lift us up with grace.

Lord, we have failed to worship you with our hearts. Our religious gatherings are hollow because our hearts are slaves to lesser things. We pay you a visit on Sunday, but we long to go home to our other gods.

Lord God, we confess that we break your heart. We gather before you halfheartedly, waiting to go back to worshipping ourselves.

When we truly worship you, we will seek good and not evil. We will hate evil and love good.

Lord God, have mercy. Renew our hearts within us. Make us long for you, our God. Amen.

(Silent is kept)

Ministers
The People

Pastor, Prayers of the People
Dale Chapin

Guest Preacher
Scott Wilson

Dramatic Scripture
David & Mary Strait

Prayers of the People
Jean-René Watchou

Worship Director
Vocals, Piano
Natalie Handley

Vocals
Laura Andrews
Rich Henderson

Acoustic Guitar, Vocals
Derek Handley

Bass Guitar, Vocals
John Itson

Drums
Bill Cheadle

Slides
Jessica Reed

Audio-Visual Coordinator
Bryan Yates

First Impressions Team
Cheryl Shult
Sara Lubbers
The Hughes family
Nola Walker

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

What a Beautiful Name

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

COMMUNITY

Welcome & Announcements

HEARING THE WORD

Dramatic Scripture

Habakkuk 1:5-17

Message

Why?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offering Our Tithes & Gifts

Psalm 10 (Why Stand So Far Away, My God?)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Spirit Break Out

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.