



CHRIST CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 24, 2019

Next Week

December 1, 2019

CHRIST CHURCH | 8:30 AM

FIELDHOUSE | DOUG WILSON

CC DOWNTOWN | 9:30 AM

NUART THEATER | TY KNIGHT

CHRIST CHURCH | 10:30 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEDITATION

- CALL TO WORSHIP -

+ ADORATION

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace to you, from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: And also to you.

+ SCRIPTURE

Psalm 99:2-3, 9

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

+ PRAYER

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- CONFESSION -

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Congregation is invited to kneel if able.

Proverbs 6:16-19

+ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Proverbs 29:25

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

+ CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hades. On the third day He rose again from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PSALM 99 - ABBREVIATED RESPONSE

Minister: The Lord reigns; let the people tremble.

Congregation: He sits between the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

Minister: The Lord is great in Zion;

Congregation: And He is high above all the people.

Minister: Let them praise Thy great and terrible name;

Congregation: For it is holy.

Minister: Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His holy hill;

Congregation: For the Lord our God is holy.

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- CONSECRATION -

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. Jude 1:25

NEXT WEEK

CC/CCD: Doug Wilson, Ty Knight

SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 47:1-12; Revelation 22:1-7

MUSIC: 219, 227, 396-97, 226, 225, 411, Magnificat (bulletin), 220-21, 222-23, 225 (v. 6)

“MAY I COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE?”

The Lord’s Supper is observed every Lord’s Day at Christ Church. We warmly invite to the Lord’s table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being active in a congregation which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and sacrament. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to the elders before or after the service.

INTRODUCTION

God is good and God is sovereign, and in addition we must never forget that He is good all the time, and sovereign all the time. In our passage this morning, we begin with a staggering display of His sovereignty, and the passage ends with Habakkuk able to rest in His goodness.

THE TEXT

“... Although the fig tree shall not blossom, Neither shall fruit be in the vines; The labour of the olive shall fail, And the fields shall yield no meat; The flock shall be cut off from the fold, And there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, And he will make my feet like hinds’ feet, And he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments” (Hab. 3:1–19).

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

Remember the overall structure. Habakkuk complains about injustice in Judah (1:2–4). God answers by promising the invading armies of Babylon (1:5–11). Habakkuk says that this is no improvement (1:12–17). God tells him to wait. *Wait*. The just shall live by faith (2:1–5). God then gives an answer to the second complaint (2:6–20). The great force of Jehovah’s army contrasts with the army of Babylon (3:1–15). Habakkuk finally resolves his dilemma (3:16–19).

SUMMARY OF THE TEXT

The prayer of Habakkuk is offered up (v. 1). He prays that God would finish what He had begun (v. 2). Revive your work. In wrath remember mercy. Teman and Paran were near Mt. Sinai, and this appears to be the import here—God came from Teman, and His glory was great (v. 3). God manifested His power, and even while holding it back, brightness suffused all, and horns came out of His hand (v. 4). Calvin calls the pestilence and burning coals “God’s officers.” This is likely referring to the deliverance out of Egypt (v. 5). God measures the earth, divides the nations, scatters the mountains and the everlasting hills bow low (v. 6). His ways are everlasting. The Jews are to be encouraged by remembering the great victories over Cushan and Midian (v. 7).

er? Or was He delivering His people (v. 8)? God pulls out His bow, and again, this is for the deliverance of His people (v. 9). Mountains are afraid of the armies of Jehovah (v. 10). When God's glittering spears went by, the sun and moon stood still (v. 11). God went through the land, and He threshed the heathen in His anger (v. 12). God went out in His strength in order to save His people, and to do so with His Christ (v. 13). He captured all the regional towns, even though the unbelievers came out like a whirlwind (v. 14). God went through the Red Sea with His horses; the waters were gathered in a heap (v. 15). And the next phrase brings us to a strange fusion—the prophet is overwhelmed with an abject fear, and with the kind of fear which is the strongest possible foundation for a great hope (v. 16).

And so Habakkuk comes at the last to his hope. Even though everything seems lost and gone (v. 17), yet he will rejoice in the God of his salvation (v. 18). God the Lord is his strength, and He will make us walk in the high places (v. 19).

AS SCRIPTURES DESCRIBE IT

As the just live by faith, they are called upon to wait. What are they to do while they wait? They are to see? And what should they see? They should see with their mind's eye, with their imagination, the majesty of God as Scripture describes Him.

Picture the fist of God holding a bright fury that looks like lightning, and radiates everything. The ends of whatever it is come out and bend around like horns. The armies of Jehovah march by and the Grand Tetons flinch. The light glints off the tips of these millions of spears, and the sun and moon stand agape.

The right kind of poetic imagination is in fact the fear of God.

OUR GOD IS ABLE

When the three Israelite captives are threatened with the furnace in the book of Daniel, they reply that God is able to deliver them. But they also say, regardless of whether God delivers them, they are not going to bow down to the idol in any case (Dan. 3:17-18). God is able to deliver us, but we will serve Him whether He does or not. God is able to deliver us, and we will serve Him while we wait for that deliverance, even when it may appear to us that the deliverance got interrupted on the way.

And so this is the confidence that Habakkuk ends with. We are talking about a complete crop failure, which means that we would have no way to sustain ourselves. Though the fig does not blossom. Though the vines bear no fruit. Though the olive trees do not produce. Though the fields produce nothing. Though the flocks do not return to the fold. Though the stalls in the barns are clean and empty. Though we look around us, and see nothing but bare wasteland in every direction. What?

Habakkuk says that he will rejoice in the Lord. He says he will joy in the God of his salvation. Notice that he is not rejoicing in what his eyes can see because all he can see with his eyes is miserable ruin. He trusts in God and, more than this, he rejoices—not in what God has done, but in what God will do. And what will God—his *strength*—do? He will make the believer's feet like a deer's feet on high places.

The wasteland is below. Christ is our high place, and we have been set securely there. It doesn't matter what failures are going on down below. What matters is what is happening where God has placed us. And God has placed us on Christ.

CCD:

Psalm 15

A Psalm of David.

1 LORD, who may abide in Your tab - er - na - cle? Who may dwell in Your ho - ly hill?

2 He who walks up - right - ly, And works right - eous - ness, And speaks the truth in his heart;

3 He who does not back - bite with his tongue, Nor does e - vil to his neigh - bor,

4 Nor does he take up a re - proach a - gainst his friend;

5 In whose eyes a vile per - son is de - spised, But he ho - nors those who fear the LORD;

6 He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

7 He who does not put out his mon - ey at u - su - ry, Nor does he take a bribe a - gainst the in - no - cent.

8 He who does these things shall nev - er be moved.

Offertory

Bring Ye All the Tithes into the Storehouse

Malachi 3:10

M. Reagan, 2007

Solemnly

Unison

Bring ye all the tithes in-to the store-house, that there may be meat, that there

may be meat in mine house, and prove me now here-with, saith the LORD

of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and

pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to re-

ceive it, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

THANKSGIVING

- + For our children.
- + The churches in Knox Presbytery, especially Emmanuel Chapel in Helena, MT, and pastor Jonah Barnes.
- + The birth of Raymond Zadok Plaza to Michael and Jessica.
- + The birth of Paige Tracey Benard to Sheridan and Kirby.
- + The birth of Alisha Janelle Christophersen to Jon and Jamie.
- + For our salvation and the Thanksgiving season.

NEW REQUESTS

- + Those in the congregation with on-going health issues: Elodie Nieuwsma, Kayla Erb, Liz Boyd, Dianna Smith, Don Quist, Nancy Rust, Andy Fountain, Vivian Fountain.
- + Safety for all travelling over Thanksgiving break.
- + Complete healing for Dane Wilson after surgery. Pray that the cancer will have not spread.

CONTINUING REQUESTS

- + The Christ Church widows.
- + The singles in the church.
- + For the United States Supreme Court.
- + For parents as they educate their children.
- + That God would be preparing peoples' hearts for the Bakwe' New Testament (printed & audio).
- + Men serving in the military who are related to Christ Church families.
- + Education: NSA, Logos School, ACCS, Pullman Christian School, UI, WSU, LCSC, Homeschooling, White Horse Hall, Logos Online School, Jubilee School, Roman Roads Classroom.
- + Christ Church Ministries: CRF (Matt Gray/Aaron Ventura), CBC (Mike Lawyer), Music (Mark Reagan), ISF (Ty Knight).
- + Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in Iran.
- + Engaged couples at Christ Church and TRC: Stocker Lloyd to Charli Kapuscak (12/14), Keziah Friedel to Jana VanderPloeg (1/4/20).
- + The Christ Church/Trinity Reformed Church expectant mothers: November - Caroline Young; January - Kara Grammer, Jackie Courtney, Megan Leidenfrost, *Katie (Keyes) Miltenberger*, Danielle Dickison, *Chelsey Hoeft*; February- Emily Ealy; March - Marissa Lloyd, Elrica Litwin; April - *Sarah (Michaels) Kumley*. (*Those in italics are connected to CC or TRC families.*)
- + Complete healing for Liz Boyd, Mugen Carolino, Shawn Cernik, Chad Daniels, Marny Dickison, Kayla Erb, Vivian Fountain, Jonah Grieser, Emmaline Handel, Emily Harrell, Isaac Lunders, Noai Meyer, Wes Michaels, Jeannette Olps, Henry Paxton, Don Quist, Cecily Rathbun, Cindi Roberts, Daniel Rosendahl, Nancy Rust, Karen Sawyer, Dianna Smith, Hope Sommers, Eric Shaw, Layla Shaw, Graham Shaw, Mitch Stokes, Nate Wilson.
- + Douglas Wilson and the Christ Church elders as they seek to serve God in leading the church.

CHRIST CHURCH MISSION ON THE PALOUSE

Our mission at Christ Church is summed up by the phrase "all of Christ for all of life."
To learn more visit our website: <https://www.christkirk.com/our-church/our-mission/>

CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS

+ **The church office will be closed all next week.**

+ **Open House Baby Shower for Olivia and Josey Hurt:** Saturday, December 7, 10:00-11:30 am, Julie Snider's home, 1503 Pine Cone Rd. Hosted by Michele, Rosalie, and Danielle Dickison.

+ **Open House Baby Shower for Maria Staab and baby boy:** Saturday, December 14, 10:00-12:00 noon, Sarah Schoolland's home, 1546 Borah Ave.

BIBLE STUDIES

+ **Ladies' Precept Bible Study:** Deuteronomy, Trinity Baptist Church. Call or text Heidi Scheibe (208-310-6100) for more info.

