



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, December 17, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

First Advent Reading: Luke 2:1-21 (The Walker Family)

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Romans 1:16-17

Pastor: For I am not ashamed of the gospel.

Congregation: For it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Pastor: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith.

All: As it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

*** We Sing in Response:** #208 Red Hymnal "*O Come, All Ye Faithful*"

*** We Seek God's Presence in Prayer**

We Confess Our Sins Together : Heavenly Father, save us entirely from sin. We know we are righteous through the righteousness of another, but we long to reflect your likeness; We are your children who bear your image, enable us to recognize our death unto sin; when it tempts us may we be deaf unto its voice. Deliver us from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant us to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of his life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness. Help us to be always devoted, confident, obedient, resigned, childlike in our trust of you, to love you with soul, mind, body, strength, to love others as we love ourselves. Fill us with grace daily, that our lives may be overflowing fountains of sweet water for your glory and for the fame of the Gospel, Amen. - *Adapted from the Valley of Vision*

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Hebrews 11:1

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #237 Black Hymnal "*Joy Has Dawned*"

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new. Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended into heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment. For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things. Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy name forever. Amen. -Ligonier Statement on Christology

We Read From God's Word: Romans 3:21-4:8

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Hebrews 1:14— Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory: *"Hope of Ages"* - Hannah Gudeman & Mcall Werten

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal *"Doxology"*

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #361 Black Hymnal *"By Faith"*

Children ages 4 through kindergarten dismissed to Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your child in the lobby on your way to the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Habakkuk 2:1-5

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"The Righteous Shall Live by Faith"* - Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #238 Black Hymnal *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

* **The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**

Sermon Outline
Habakkuk 2:1-5
“The Righteous Shall Live by Faith”
12-17-23

Proposition: In the face of unrivaled and perpetual injustice, the Lord calls His people to live by faith alone in Yahweh alone.

Main Point One: Habakkuk’s Complaint

Sub Point One: A Second Complaint

Sub Point Two: Injustice Surrounds

Sub Point Three: The Lord’s Silence

Main Point Two: The Lord’s Response

Sub Point One: Prophetic Vision

Sub Point Two: The Lord’s Appointed Time

Sub Point Three: The Character of the Wicked

Sub Point Four: The Contrast of the Righteous

Sub Point Five: To Live by Faith.... “What does this mean?”