

Order of Worship

8:00 AM:

Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell

732 We Praise Thee, O God

Call to Worship: Vaughn Harvey

362 Joyful, Joyful
— Revelation Song
18 Faithful Love (SFP)

Bread: Kevin Taylor
Fruit of the Vine: Shaun Holt
Giving: Jeff Watson

250 How Sweet, How Heavenly

Scripture Reading: Eric Gilbey

180 God is Love

Sermon: Ricky Cook

683 Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet

Prayer Requests/Announcements

842 A Common Love

Closing Prayer: Jeff Watson

Usher 1: Bob Ozomah
Usher 2: Kevin Hogg
Projectionist: Carl Wamble

Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord, Songs of Faith and Praise and the Supplement.



10:30 AM:

Song Leader: Allen Pratt & Ronald Rivera

47 Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo, Santo Santo

Call to Worship: Alan Bobo

480 Blessed Assurance/En Jesu Cristo Martir de Paz
354 I Gave My Life for Thee/Mi Vida Di por Ti

Bread: Gwan Price
Fruit of the Vine: John Jones
Giving: Jesse Frerot

Scripture Reading: Neal Wilkins

452 Standing on the Promises/ Las Promesas de Jesus

Sermon: Manuel Martinez

902 Nothing But the Blood/Solo la Sangre

Prayer Requests/Announcements

853 When We All Get to Heaven/ Canten del Amor de Cristo

Closing Prayer: Jesse Frerot

Usher 1: Henry Jenkins
Usher 2: Ian Huckabey
Projectionist: Chuck Morris

Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise.

We would like the men scheduled to serve in the worship service meet in the copier room at 7:45 and 10:15 to prepare for the service.

Wednesday, July 2nd

Song Leader Kevin Caldwell

Devotional Leader Ricky Cook

Closing Prayer Alan Bobo

A Warm Welcome

Guest Guide:

- Nursery and Training room are upstairs.
- Children's classes are downstairs.
- Looking for a church home? We'd love to tell you about this congregation.
- Please fill out a guest card and give it to one of the ushers.
- Communion cups are available in the foyer. The cups will Be picked up by the ushers after communion.

Serving Next Week: July 6th

8:00 Service	
Brother of the Month	Palmer Young
Song Leader	Carl Wamble
Call To Worship	Calvin Mitchell
Bread	Alan-Michael Sandlin
Fruit of the Vine	Mike Wilson
Giving	Jesse Frerot
Scripture Reader	Kellan Gibson
Closing Prayer	Jesse Frerot
Usher 1	Bob Ozomah
Usher 2	LeRoy Bell
Projectionist	Kevin Caldwell
10:30 Service	
Brother of the Month	Neal Wilkins
Song Leader	Antoine Johnson
Call to Worship	Allen Pratt
Bread	Del Meadows
Fruit of the Vine	Steve Koziol
Giving	Mark Williamson
Scripture Reader	Henry Jenkins
Closing Prayer	Mark Williamson
Usher 1	Adrian Williams
Usher 2	Joe Ford
Projectionist	Bruce Robins



June 29, 2025

Sunday:

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,
Spanish service 12:15 pm
Bible Classes: 9:30 am
Spanish Bible Classes: 11:00

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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Questions for God

“O LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear? Even cry out to You, “Violence!” And You will not save. Why do You show me iniquity, And cause *me* to see trouble? For plundering and violence *are* before me; There is strife, and contention arises.” *Habakkuk 1:2-3*

“*You are* of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness. Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, *And* hold Your tongue when the wicked devours A *person* more righteous than he?” *Habakkuk 1:13*

Habakkuk, as we often do, had some questions for God about things he did not understand or that from his perspective did not seem right. May we be mindful of the fact that no one has the right to question God’s governance of the universe – *Jeremiah 18:6; Romans 9:19-21*. Rather than question God’s sovereignty we are to trust His faithfulness – *1 Peter 4:19*. In the absence of knowing God’s plan or purpose we can still be persuaded of His character.

Three questions stand out Habakkuk 1: 1) When was God going to do something (v.2)? 2) Why was God allowing these things to happen (v.3)? 3) How can the wicked be used to judge the righteous (v.13)? Habakkuk saw the sins of his own nation. Desirous of a revival he prayed to God on behalf of his people. God’s response was that Judah would be led into slavery by the Chaldeans. Clearly, this is not what Habakkuk had in mind.

Habakkuk’s three questions where “when, why, and how.” In the middle of adversity these may be the same questions that we ask of God. Yet, our questions are problematic. We ask “when” from our limited and distorted perspective. We ask “why” unaware of God counsels or purposes. We ask “how” disregarding the fact that sin removes all claims for justice. Rather than question God’s providence and prerogative, let us take comfort in His love and faithfulness – *1 Corinthians 10:13*. Remember, we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us – *Romans 8:37*. To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook