



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

November 16, 2025

As we obey what he's commanded, we have an ongoing exposure to his love for us. Every single thing our king calls us to do expresses his goodness. As we walk with the Lord more and more, we see the goodness of his ways. To follow, even initially through gritted teeth, is a declaration of trust in God, who knows more than we do. Rather than thinking we'll obey when we like it, we should instead resolve to obey so that we like it.

-Ray Ortlund, *You're Not Crazy: Gospel Sanity for Weary Churches*

Announcements and Call to Worship

Prelude

Hymn **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (104)**

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blest me;
Thou has brought me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,

Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sov'reign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransomed soul away;
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-22

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. ²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul (52)

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise,
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone canst heal;
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief for ev'ry pain I feel.

But oh! when gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine;
The springs of comfort seem to fail and all my hopes decline.
Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust;

And still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sov'reign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace attends the mourn-er's prayer;
Oh, may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat;
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.
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With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.

Hymn He Will Hold Me Fast (388)

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last!
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Scripture Reading Habakkuk 3:1-19

3 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. ²O LORD, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O LORD, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. ³God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. *Selah* His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. ⁴His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power. ⁵Before him went pestilence, and plague followed at his heels. ⁶He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways. ⁷I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. ⁸Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation? ⁹You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. *Selah* You split the earth with rivers. ¹⁰The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high. ¹¹The sun and moon stood still in

their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear. ¹²You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger. ¹³You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. *Selah* ¹⁴You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. ¹⁵You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters. ¹⁶I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us. ¹⁷Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Sermon **Dr. Blair Waddell**

'Singing in the Suffering' Habakkuk 3:1-19

Hymn **Christ Our Hope in Life and Death**

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone! Christ alone!
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His Command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

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O sing "Hallelujah!" Our Hope springs eternal;
O sing "Hallelujah!" Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death!

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good! God is good!
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
unto the shore, the Rock of Christ?

REFRAIN

O sing "Hallelujah!" Our Hope springs eternal;
O sing "Hallelujah!" Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death!

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
when Christ is ours forevermore!

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Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Outline

'Singing in the Suffering' Habakkuk 3:1-19

- I. Habakkuk's Dialogue with Yahweh (Habakkuk 1:1-2:4)
 - a. How Long will you put up with Judah's Sin?
 - b. How could you use the Babylonians to punish your people?
- II. The Five Woes Upon Babylon (Habakkuk 2:5-20)
- III. Habakkuk's Prayer (3:1-19)
 - a. The Form: Shigionoth- Recall of the Lord's Work (Habakkuk 3:1-2; see examples in Exodus 15, 1 Chronicles Psalm 7, 51, & 7)
 - b. God's Manifestation (Habakkuk 3:3-15; Psalm 18:12, 79:1-7; Exodus 34:29-33; Joshua 10:12-14; Judges 5:24-27)
 - c. Habakkuk's Resolve (Habakkuk 3:16-19)
 - d. Lessons From Habakkuk
 - i. God is a Righteous Judge
 - 1. Executes Judgement Perfectly (Habakkuk 3:13)
 - 2. Because he does so he can grant mercy (Habakkuk 3:2)
 - ii. The righteous live by faith (Philippians 4:4-13)
 - 1. Waiting- Living by faith vs. living by resignation
 - 2. Rejoicing
 - iii. God is Sovereign AND Good

K Group Questions for November 19

1. Have you ever had a song 'carry' you through a difficult period? If so, what was it and what were the circumstances?
2. How did Habakkuk demonstrate that he was 'quietly waiting'?
3. What does it mean 'to take joy in the God of my salvation'? What would that look like daily, especially in difficult circumstances?
4. What has been your favorite lesson from Habakkuk? How do you plan to implement what you have learned?

Announcements

❖ = New Announcements

November 19 – Fall K Groups End

November 27-28 – Thanksgiving Holiday – OFFICE CLOSED

November – Jim Milby Memorial Building Fund Offering

Throughout the month, we will be taking up a special offering to pay down the building debt. We call it the 'Jim Milby Memorial Building Fund' in honor of his passion in exhorting the body to make paying off that debt a priority. *If you would like to contribute, please mark your giving as 'Jim Milby Fund'. Every bit helps and is appreciated.*

December 03 – Annual Members Business Meeting @ 6:30 PM, FH

PBC Members, please plan to attend this important meeting. Childcare is provided for ages 4 and under.

❖ **December Choir Practice Schedule**

- December 03 – Immediately following the Annual Business Meeting
- December 10 – Immediately following the Advent Hymn Sing
- December 17 – 6:30PM

❖ **December 07 – Missions Banquet @ 5:00 PM, FH**

Join us for our annual Missions Banquet. We will present video updates from our missionaries and church planters. Dinner will be catered by Taco Mama and beverages will be provided, but please bring your favorite dessert to share. Childcare will be available after the dinner for ages 5 and below. Click this link to register: [Missions Banquet 2025](#)

February 20-21, 2026 – Women's Conference – Save the Date!

For Your Calendar ...

November 27-28	Thanksgiving – OFFICE CLOSED
December 02	Elders Meeting
December 03	Annual Members Business Meeting
December 07	Missions Banquet @ 5:00PM
December 10	Advent Hymn Sing @ 6:30PM
December 14	4 th Quarter Sunday School Ends

December 16	Elders Meeting
December 19	Games at Valley View @ 2:30PM
December 21 & 28	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 24	Christmas Eve Service @ 5:00PM
December 24-26	Christmas Holiday – OFFICE CLOSED
February 20-21	Women's Conference – <i>Save the Date!</i>