

Welcome to Christ Our Hope Presbyterian Church! We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. For God's glory and by His grace, we aim to be faithful to the scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission – serving one another and South County through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Who We Are, What We Do, and Why:

We are a Christ-centered, Law & Gospel, Word & Sacrament, Covenantal, Catechetical, Biblical & Historic, Reformed Church.

Christ-centered – we preach Christ and His work of redemption for us from Genesis to Revelation.

Law & Gospel – we proclaim the Law (which shows us our sin) and the Gospel (which shows us our Savior).

Word & Sacrament – we receive by faith the means of grace Christ has given for our salvation: the Word read, preached, sung, prayed, and made visible in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Covenantal – we embrace the covenant structure of Scripture, as revealed in the covenants of the Bible and culminating in the New Covenant sealed in the blood of Jesus Christ; and we believe that our covenant God deals with us not only individually, but also as families, and corporately as His Church.

Catechetical – we utilize historic Reformed catechisms as we make disciples by baptizing and teaching men, women, and children everything that Jesus commanded us to observe.

Biblical & Historic – we worship in accord with the ancient Western liturgy, reformed according to the Scripture.

Reformed – we confess the historic creeds, adhere to the Westminster Standards, appreciate the Three Forms of Unity, and govern the church according to Presbyterian polity.

Church – we assemble as one part of the universal church, appointed by Christ as the means by which His people of all nations would be gathered and grow in grace.

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New Visitor
Sign-up Form



Zoom Link
Virtual Prayer



Christ Our Hope

Presbyterian Church (PCA)

Lord's Day Worship

August 17, 2025

*We preach Christ crucified...
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God...
- 1 Corinthians 1:23, 24 -*

Order for the Worship of God

August 17, 2025 | 9:30 AM

Italics indicate congregational participation and/or standing.

We Adore the Lord and Honor Him as King

Call to Worship | Psalm 84:1-2

How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

Songs of Adoration

*Gloria Patri
#101 | Come Thou Almighty King*

Call to Repentance

The Ten Commandments & The Great Commandment

Confession of Sin

O Lord our God, we come to You as Your weak, foolish, and rebellious people. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have sinned in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do. We have served other gods. We have raised up idols in our hearts and bowed down to them. We have misused and dishonored Your name. We have indulged our own pleasures rather than fully delighting in You on the Lord's Day. We have dishonored parents and others with proper authority over us. We have hated others and spoken with anger against them. We have failed to guard our thoughts and have lusted after others. We have cheated others of what is rightfully theirs. We have bent and warped the truth, especially in ways that have hurt the good name of other people. Our hearts are plagued by jealousy, and envy, and covetousness, which itself is idolatry. O Lord, we confess that we are inclined to all evil[there is no good thing in us]. We would justly fall under the condemnation of Your holy, righteous, and good Law, if not for the saving work of Your Son on our behalf. You sent Jesus to fulfill for us the perfect obedience that You require in Your Law, and then gave Him up to bear the curse for our sin on the Cross. Look upon us with mercy for Jesus' sake, and strengthen us for new obedience by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Assurance of the Gospel | Philippians 3:8-9

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving

#94 | How Firm a Foundation

Announcements/Opportunities

Visitors' Sign-in

Welcome! If you are a visitor and would like someone to contact you with more information about our church, please scan the QR code on the back of this worship guide and fill in your contact information.

Virtual Prayer Meeting | 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at 4:00 pm (new time)

Zoom link sent weekly; join us for a brief season of prayer (40 mins.) to exalt our God and intercede on behalf of one another (see QR code on back).

Men's Night | August 21st at 6:30 pm (3rd Thursday)

Location: Chris Shoemaker's house, weather permitting (540 Shermantown Rd., Saunderstown, RI); this is the monthly gathering of the men of the church for fellowship. *For more details, please contact Mark Slater.*

Ladies' Ministries | September 4th at 6:30 pm

Location: Kathleen Caswell's house (more details to follow). These are the monthly gatherings of the ladies of the church.

Nursing Home Ministry | September 21st at 1:45 pm (3rd Sunday)

South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 2115 S. County Trail, West Kingston, RI 02892. *For more details, please contact Ruth Slater.*

Today's Schedule*:

Worship 9:30-11:15 am
Fellowship 11:15-11:30 am

*Christian Education has been suspended for the summer.

Nursery and Cleaning Schedule

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation as assigned, please find a replacement and inform Randy May so that the Worship Guide can be updated accordingly.

	Nursery	Cleaning/Closing
Today	Molly Whitman & Elinor Short	Slater
Next Week	Jack Pharo & Claire Short	C. Shoemaker
8/31	Crystal Shoemaker & Kerry May	Pharo
9/7	Chris Shoemaker & Ruth Short	N. Shoemaker

Lord Speaks to Us in the Ministry of the Word

NT Homily

Hebrews 4:6-10

Sermon Text | Pastor Jonathan Sole

Habakkuk 1-2:4

Sermon Title

“When Life Doesn’t Make Sense”

Prayer of Response

Song of Response

Psalm 2 | BOPFS

We Commune with God and One Another in the Sacrament and Collection

Confession of Faith | Nicene Creed (325, 451 AD)

Leader: Church, what do you believe?

Church: *I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

** That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.*

Administration of the Lord’s Supper

Words of Institution

Grape juice is available in center cup/inner circle for those who cannot drink the wine in faith.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection with Singing of Praise

*Psalm 146A | BOPFS
Doxology*

Benediction | Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

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Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be –
World without end! Amen, amen.*

Doxology (tune: “Old 100th”)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here
below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.*

Summary of God’s Law (from Exodus 20 & Matthew 22)

*“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out
of the house of bondage.”*

- I *You shall have no other gods before Me.*
- II *You shall not make for yourself a carved image – nor bow down to
them nor serve them.*
- III *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.*
- IV *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*
- V *Honor your father and your mother.*
- VI *You shall not murder.*
- VII *You shall not commit adultery.*
- VIII *You shall not steal.*
- IX *You shall not bear false witness.*
- X *You shall not covet.*

*And our Lord Jesus said, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your
heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great
commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as
yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the
Prophets.”*

The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.*

Sermon Notes

An Exposition of Habakkuk 1-2:4:
“When Life Doesn’t Make Sense”

Theme: *When life doesn’t make sense, we are to be honest with God in prayer,
patient in trials, and live by faith.*

Introduction

1. When God’s Presence Seems Absent (1-4)

2. When God’s Plan Seems Unbelievable (5-11)

3. When God’s Actions Seem Inconsistent (12-2:4)

Conclusion