



November 29 – 30, 2025

Finding Joy in the Darkness
Habakkuk 3:17-19



MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

CONTEMPORARY

SAT 5:30 pm | SUN 10:30 am

Joy To The World (Joyful Joyful)

Lord I Need You

Gratitude

I Got Joy

CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am

O Come Emmanuel

Great is Thy Faithfulness

PIANO: Musical Offering

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

MESSAGE: **Sarah Fike**

Communion (Saturday 5:30 pm)

We offer prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Jenna Ahlness** as they grieve her death, and for **Kay Erickson** on the death of her mother, **Phyllis Buckwalter**.

Upcoming Celebration of Life Service:
Sharon Norrbom (December 12)

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 9:00 am (sanctuary)

Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm (chapel) | Sun 10:30 am (sanctuary)

Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links: popmn.org.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Gift Tree Ministry | Through November 30

Pick up a donation envelope featuring several organizations we support from one of the trees on campus, and return it to the Welcome Desk or offering plate with your desired donation.

POP Artist Guild 2026 Calendars | Featuring POP artists

Purchase calendars for \$20 after worship this weekend in the community room. Proceeds go to Feed My Starving Children.

Blue Christmas | December 1 & 8 | 6:30 pm

Join us for a grief support mini-series surrounding the holidays. Contact Pastor Sarah Fike at sfike@popmn.org.

Great ADVENTure | December 5 | 6:00 pm

A family-friendly event to help us celebrate the start of Advent.

Service of Remembrance | December 16 | 7:00 pm

Join us as we worship and thank God for our loved ones who have passed away. Submit the name of your loved one or loss by scanning the QR code.



Celebration of Light with Santa Lucia | December 9 | 11:00 am

Seniors – Don't miss this Scandinavian luncheon! \$25 per person. Space is limited. popmn.org/register

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



Welcome to Prince of Peace!

We are an open and affirming community, here to love God and all people.



Connect with Prince of Peace!

Scan here to join our mailing list and find ways to get involved.

Paper copies of this form are available at the Connect Desk.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

You can still submit your statement of intent for both the capital campaign and the annual stewardship appeal here:

popmn.org/give/preserve-open-plant/





Trust the Story | Joy | **Finding Joy in the Darkness**

Where is God in dark times?

Habakkuk lived in the final decades of Judah, Israel's southern kingdom. It was a time of injustice and idolatry, and he saw the rising threat of the Babylonian empire on the horizon. Unlike the other Hebrew prophets, Habakkuk doesn't accuse Israel or even speak to the people on God's behalf. Instead, all of his words are addressed to God. The book of Habakkuk tells us about Habakkuk's personal struggle to believe that God is good when there is so much tragedy and evil in the world.

So, Habakkuk laments to God about the darkness in the world. He is crying out, asking God to do something, but nothing is changing. Suddenly, God responds, saying that God is aware of the deep corruption among God's people and will address it.

Then in this week's scripture, Habakkuk changes his tune to now putting trust in God, remembering that God has delivered God's people before and will do so again. God will once again defeat evil and bring down the Pharaohs of the world, bringing justice to all people and rescuing the oppressed and innocent.

Habakkuk sees the darkness of the world as an invitation to have faith in God's promise to one day set things right. Living with such faith means trusting that God loves this world and works to one day eradicate all evil forever.

Where do you experience darkness in your life? in the world?

Where do you find trust that God will intervene?

How is the light in the darkness instilling hope for a better future?