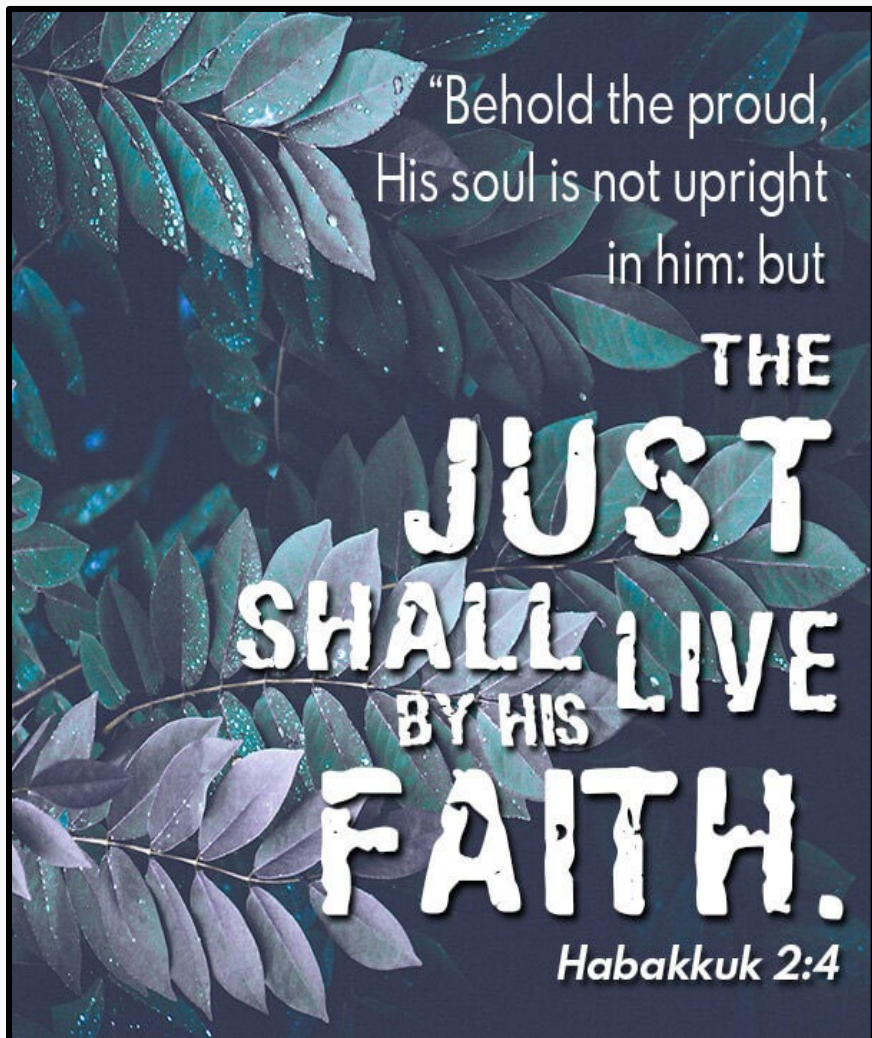




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August 30, 2026

PRELUDE

ANN McDANIEL

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

PASTORAL WELCOME

REV. JANICE ODOM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAN WOLFE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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Leader: How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever?

People: Even in our questions, we will seek the Lord.

Leader: We come with our faith and our doubt, our gratitude and our anger, our hope and our disappointment.

People: We bring our whole selves before God.

Leader: Our God is not frightened by our questions or threatened by our tears.

People: God meets us in our joy and in our struggle.

Leader: Come, whether your faith is strong, weary, questioning, or even angry.

People: We are still here. We are still seeking. We are still talking to God.

All: Let us worship the Lord.

***HYMN**

"BLESSED ASSURANCE"

UMH 369

PASSING OF THE PEACE AMONGST US

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

***OFFERING/DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Faithful God, we bring these gifts before You along with everything else we carry—our gratitude and our grief, our certainty and our questions, our joy and even our anger. You know us completely, and still, You invite us into relationship with You. Receive these gifts as signs of a faith that keeps showing up, keeps seeking, and keeps talking to You even when we do not understand. Use what we offer to bring hope to the hurting, comfort to the grieving, and the good news of Christ to those who need it. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *“WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”* **UMH 526**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *HABAKKUK 1:2-4, 12-13*
NEW TESTAMENT READING *MARK 15:33-34*

SERMON *“WHEN FAITH GETS ANGRY”* **REV. JANICE ODOM**

***HYMN** *“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”* **UMH 377**

LEADING OF THE LIGHT & BENEDICTION

Go from this place knowing that God does not ask you to pretend. When you are joyful, talk to God. When you are afraid, talk to God. When you are confused, talk to God. And when you are angry—even angry with God—keep talking to God. For faith is not the absence of questions. Faith is trusting the relationship enough to bring the questions with us. Go in peace. Go in honesty. Go in faith. And whatever happens, don’t stop talking to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE **ANN MCDANIEL**

**Please stand only if you are able.*

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday School	Each Sunday	10:00am
Exercise Class	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:00am
Women’s Circle	Tuesday, Sept 1	5:00pm
	@ Evaroni’s	
Educ, Outreach & Missions	Thursday, Sept 3	6:00pm
	(rescheduled)	
Community Dinner	Wednesday, Sept 30	6:00pm

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are participating, again, with Crosspoint Community Church with the “backpack” ministry. For September, we are requesting individual servings of mac and cheese. Thank you!

Prayer List

*If you have any additions or modifications to the prayer list, please complete a prayer request card or call the church office.
For anyone placed on the prayer list, updates within 3 weeks would be appreciated so our prayer list can be kept current.*

Justin Abramo
(Rena Black's Son-in-Law)
Cheryl Bowe (broken neck)
(Mother-in-Law of Chris Ward)
Mike Curry (Pastor Janice's
1st Cousin's Son)
Marcus Kirby (Age 3)
(Marty Bentley's Great Grandson)
Shirley Kizzee
(Brenda Carrico's sister)
Jimmy Morgan
(Judy Morgan's Son)

Pastor Janice & Tom
Cathy Paynter
(Shaunda's Friend)
Matt Thomas
(Laura Blake's niece's husband)
Gloria
(Geneva Tyson's niece)
Brenda
(Laura Blake's Sister's friend)
Family of Mike Black
Family of Carole Preston
(Jim Chandler's Sister)

Please pray for those with long-term needs:

Shirley Bias, Jill & Jim Combs,

Milton Clay, Judy Given, Jeff Hunt

Remember those not able to join us for church:

Joy Fetty, Patricia Morgan, Dan & Shirley Webster

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***Please give bulletin updates to Sheree Downey by
Tuesdays @ 2:30pm***

Pianist:

Ann McDaniel

Liturgist:

Dan Wolfe

Acolyte:

Shaunda Rice

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