

HERITAGE

Presbyterian Church



*He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream
Jeremiah 17:8*

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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WELCOME!
TO
HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
and to whomsoever will —
 we open wide our arms
 and welcome you
 in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 19:7–11

*LEADER: The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;*

**RESPONSE: The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

*LEADER: The fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.*

**RESPONSE: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

LEADER: Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

RESPONSE: In keeping them there is great reward.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

Come Thou Almighty King

Come Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!

Come Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend!
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend!

Come Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r!

To Thee great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty,
May we in glory see,
And to eternity,
Love and adore!

WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(repeat)
Chorus

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You
Chorus

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13–17 & Luke 23:44–49

Matthew 3:13-17 *Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”*

Luke 23:44 *It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” ⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.*

**WE OFFER A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND
OFFERING**

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Your Word directs us, but we confess that we often go the other way.

(Silent reflection)

Gracious God, please forgive us. Your Spirit convicts us, but we often harden our hearts to your voice.

(Silent reflection)

We confess that we have foolishly turned away from your path and sinned against you by our actions and inaction. Through our deeds, through our words, and even in the dark recesses of our hearts we have sinned against you by rejecting the life you have called us to live. Father, please forgive us and replace our stone-hard hearts with hearts of flesh. May you reign over our hearts and lives and may your Spirit lead us to live in fealty to your Son and in obedience to your Word. We pray for your mercy in Christ's Name. Only by His blood can we plead our case to you. AMEN.

WE ARE ASSURED OF OUR PARDON IN CHRIST **Romans 8:12-17**

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

Jesus, My Great High Priest

Jesus, my great High Priest offered his blood and died
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His powerful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne;
And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfils His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set;
My Surety paid the dreadful debt;
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Chorus

Now I approach the throne,
And I have confidence
Jesus, my great High Priest
Offered His blood and died
Now I approach the throne,
And I have confidence
Jesus, my great High Priest
Offered His blood and died for me.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high;
The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say,
Shall turn His heart, His love, away
Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

Should all the hosts of death and powers of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
His conquering power and guardian grace;
His conquering power and guardian grace.

Chorus

**Life and Not Life
1 John 5:6–12**

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

SERMON NOTES

WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

Beautiful Savior

All my days I will sing this song of gladness;
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights.
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life

I will trust, in the cross of my Redeemer;
I will sing, of the blood that never fails!
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end!

Chorus

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Star of the Morning, Glorious in holiness!
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion
And You reign, You reign over all!

I long to be, where the praise is never ending;
Yearn to dwell, where the glory never fades,
Where countless worshipers,
Will share one song,
And cries of "Worthy!" will honor the Lamb!

Chorus 2x

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BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20–21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: 1 John 5:6–12

Song: Beautiful Savior

Missions Prayer: Rise Together Ministries/
St. Louis & Ethiopia

PRAISE & PRAYER:

- * Pray that we will daily prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus as King!
- * Pray for those who are recuperating from surgery, from chronic ailments and for our mothers-in-waiting!
- * Pray for the Persecuted Church around the world.
- * Pray that Community Groups cultivate close relationships that will encourage our walk with Christ.
- * Pray that the Lord will continue to bring new people to our church family to join us in worshiping the Lord and learning of His love and mercy to us.
- * Pray for our Session who leads Heritage PCA in the direction that God has planned for us. Teaching Elder: Rev. Jesse York; Ruling Elders: Rich Albert, Ken Leslie, Steve McVey, Mark Saeger, Larry Valentine.
- * Pray for Rev. Jesse York as he preaches God's Word to us as our Senior Pastor and encourage our walk as the redeemed of God.