

The background of the entire image is a dark blue field filled with a complex, dense pattern of thin, light-colored lines. These lines radiate from a central point and intersect to form a series of concentric, slightly irregular circles and arcs, creating a sense of depth and movement. In the center of the image, there is a large, solid dark blue circle. Inside this circle, the text "Advent 2020" is written in a light blue, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "PEACE" is written in a larger, light-colored, serif font. A horizontal band of light-colored material, possibly wood or stone, runs across the middle of the image, partially obscuring the central circle. The text "Heritage Church" is written in a dark, serif font on this band.

Advent 2020

PEACE

Heritage Church

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.

11:00 am Live Worship via the internet at <http://heritagewildwood.org>
5:30 p.m. Worship Service at the church pavilion

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Dana McVey

Reading of "Christmas Bells"

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:2-7

*LEADER: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.*

(continued)

RESPONSE: For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*LEADER: Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.*

RESPONSE: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong
And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring
O hush the noise ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing

And ye beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing

For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever circling years
Shall come the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing

WE BRING GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

SCRIPTURE READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Luke 2:8-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

*¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is
pleased!”*

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

SHEPHERDING PRAYER

**Ken Leslie,
Ruling Elder**

COVENANTAL BAPTISM

Abel James Chastain

WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Trinity Hymnal #211

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.

Chorus

“Fear not, then,” said the angel,
“Let nothing you afright
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might.”

Chorus

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethl'em straightaway
This blessed Babe to find.

Chorus

PREACHING OF THE WORD

**Jesse York,
Pastor**

“Peace on Earth”

SERMON NOTES

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Bread: A gluten-free option is available. You can request this when you come forward.

Wine: At Heritage we serve wine. If this is a hindrance to your conscience, we provide grape juice in the outer rim of the tray.

WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright hosts
Of heav'n above
Glory to God all
Glory in the highest

Chorus

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

Chorus

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BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-25

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.*

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: Various

Song: O Come All Ye Faithful

Missions Prayer: Heritage Classical Christian Academy/
St. Louis

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.

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