



Advent 2020

HOPE

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

From Lamentations 3:19-24

LEADER:

*Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!*

*My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.*

*But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:*

RESPONSE:

**The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;**

**they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.**

**“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”**

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD’S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Chorus

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

Chorus

O come desire of nations bind
All people in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's Peace

Chorus 2x

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WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high appear
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing news,
Glad tidings of a birth
"Go to Him your praising bringing,
Christ the Lord has come to earth!"

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end,
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

SCRIPTURE READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

John 1:1-13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

WE BRING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD
From The Worship Sourcebook, pp. 89-90

TOGETHER:

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

(We will take a few moments for silent reflection and confession)

TOGETHER:

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

WE ARE ASSURED OF OUR PARDON IN CHRIST
Romans 8:1-2

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are
in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you
free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

Chorus

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our Heavn'ly Lord
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught
And with His blood mankind hath bought

Chorus 2x

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Romans 8

SERMON NOTES

WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Chorus

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:

Chorus

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Chorus 3x

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BENEDICTION

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: Romans 8

Song: The First Noel

Missions Prayer: John & Cathy Rug/Chile

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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