

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 149:1-4

LEADER:

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

RESPONSE:

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

LEADER:

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

RESPONSE:

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

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.

WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (With the Star of Munster)

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 pow'r when we were gone astray

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy
In Bethlehem in Israel
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn

Chorus

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

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest storms and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway the blessed Babe to find

Chorus

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface

Chorus

SHEPHERDING PRAYER

**Ryan Northfield,
Pastoral Intern**

**THE ADVENT STORY
From “The Christmas Promise”**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

**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 5:1-2**

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have
peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him
we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in
which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary
As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords in human vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away

At His feet the six-winged seraph
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to His presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia alleluia
Alleluia Lord Most High

**“The Promise King”
Luke 1:67-80**

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

*68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of
old,
71 that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant
us
74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our
enemies,
might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our
days.
76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most
High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us^[a] from on high
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the
shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”*

80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

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

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of - manu - el
This the Christ who was long fore - told
Lo in the shadows of Bethle - hem
Promise of dawn now our eyes be – hold

Chorus 1

God most high in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now pro - claim
Great and glorious, love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of hea - ven

Come we to welcome - manu - el
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay, the in - vinci - ble
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son

Chorus 2

O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds, sages, be - fore him fall
Grace and majesty, what hu - mility
Come on bended knee, ad - dore Him

Verse 3

Go spread the news of - manu - el
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads, for your King has come
Sing for the light over - whelms the dark

Chorus 3 (2x)

Glory shining for all to see
Hope alive, let the gospel ring
God has made a way, He will have the praise
Tell the world His name is Je – sus

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: Luke 1:67-80

Song: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Missions Prayer: Freedom School/
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.