

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

SCRIPTURE READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

JOHN 1:1–8

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.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold

God most high in a manger laid,
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious, love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel,
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay, the invincible,
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son

O what wisdom to save us all,
Shepherds, sages, before him fall
Grace and majesty, what humility,
Come on bended knee, adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel,
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads, for your King has come
Sing for the light overwhelms the dark

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 Jesus

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, gloria (x3)

WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

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 th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Chorus

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.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

SHEPHERDING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Heavenly Father, we know that we have been purchased by the precious blood of your son. We know that you have bought us at a costly price. We know that we belong to you fully and completely. Yet we hold ourselves back from you. We draw near to you with our words and songs, but our hearts and minds are in another place. We are so easily distracted by the cares of the world that we forget that our only hope is in you, and that you will see us through. When we are overcome with fear, we try to take matters into our own hands as if we were our own god. Pushing you aside and stepping on others, we make desperate and fruitless attempts to protect ourselves. Lord, please forgive us for your Son's sake and cleanse us from our sin. Stop us from destroying ourselves and those around us. Shepherd us back into your fold. Be King over our hearts and our thoughts. Let the work of your Son be the motivation behind our wills. Captivate our whole being and make us yours in every way. Forgive us also for these sins that we confess silently as your Holy Spirit searches the depths of our hearts.

(We will take a few moments to silently confess our sins
before our merciful God)

We thank you Lord for your grace and mercy. We thank you for your Son and the work that He has done on the cross for our sake and your glory. By your Holy Spirit who lives in us, keep us in Christ's perfect righteousness and holiness that we might also bring you glory in His name. Amen.

WE ARE ASSURED OF OUR PARDON IN CHRIST

1 John 2:1–2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

Infant Holy Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing,
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you!
Christ the babe was born for you!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“A PEOPLE PREPARED”

Luke 1:5–17

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹ And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

SERMON NOTES

WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

Angels from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)

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 fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man 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

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One:

Chorus 3x

BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: Luke 1:5–17

Song: Angels from the Realms of Glory

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.