

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 22:27–31

*LEADER: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,*

**RESPONSE: And all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

*LEADER: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.*

**RESPONSE: Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a
people yet unborn,
that he has done it.**

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

Come Christians Join to Sing

Come Christians join to sing
Alleluia, amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King
Alleluia, amen!
Let all with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice,
Alleluia, amen!

Come lift your hearts on high
Alleluia, amen!
Let praises fill the sky
Alleluia, amen!
He is our Guide and Friend,
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end,
Alleluia, amen!

Praise yet our Christ again
Alleluia, amen!
Life shall not end the strain
Alleluia, amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore;
Singing forevermore,
Alleluia, amen!

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WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

It Came Upon the 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 heav'n's all-gracious King";
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed 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 hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1–10

*There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

*² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

*He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,*

*⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*

*⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

*⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.*

*⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

*⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.*

*⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;*

*for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.*

*¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for
the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting
place shall be glorious.*

SHEPHERDING PRAYER AND CONFESSION OF SIN

WE ARE ASSURED OF OUR PARDON IN CHRIST Hebrews 4:14–16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 fulfills 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

Offered his blood and died
Offered his blood and died
For me

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Come and Worship” Matthew 2:1–12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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

Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

Chorus

O praise Him hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God

Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven

Chorus

I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With ev'ry day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever

Chorus 2x

BENEDICTION

From 2 Thessalonians 3:5 & 16

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ...may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: Matthew 2:1–12

Song: Jesus My Great High Priest

Missions Prayer: Nate & Erin Taylor/
Scotland Church Plant

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.