# 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 January 22, 2023

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# WELCOME! TO HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

 ${
m To}$  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 115:12–18

LEADER: The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

RESPONSE: He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.

LEADER: May the LORD give you increase, you and your children!
May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth!

RESPONSE: The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man.

LEADER: The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence.

RESPONSE: But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

### WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

### WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

# Praise to the Lord the Almighty

(Passion)

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

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### WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

# **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

#### Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

#### Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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# SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 5:19-21

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. <sup>21</sup> Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

### WE CONFESS OUR SIN AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Our God, we have sinned against you – for there is no one who does not sin – and deserve your anger. Like our fathers in the covenant whose hearts turned to Egypt for their help, so we have sought security in things other than you. Like those whose hearts turned to idols, so we have panted after created things. Like those who hardened their hearts, so we have grown cold to your word.

Today we repent with all our mind and with all our heart in the land of our sojourning; we turn our hearts to you and lift up our plea for mercy. Hear from heaven your dwelling place our prayer and our pleas, and maintain our cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you. O our God, let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayer of this place and these people. May we know anew your majesty, your might, and your mercy.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

# We Are Assured of Our Pardon in Christ 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

## Have Thine Own Way Trinity Hymnal #688

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today! Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, as in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

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### PREACHING OF THE WORD

# "The Servant" (III) Genesis 24:29–51

Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban. Laban ran out toward the man, to the spring. <sup>30</sup> As soon as he saw the ring and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and heard the words of Rebekah his sister, "Thus the man spoke to me," he went to the man. And behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring. <sup>31</sup> He said, "Come in, O blessed of the LORD. Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house and a place for the camels." <sup>32</sup> So the man came to the house and unharnessed the camels, and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and there was water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. <sup>33</sup> Then food was set before him to eat. But he said, "I will not eat until I have said what I have to say." He said, "Speak on."

<sup>34</sup> So he said. "I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup> The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, camels and donkeys. 36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and to him he has given all that he has. 37 My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell, 38 but you shall go to my father's house and to my clan and take a wife for my son." 39 I said to my master, 'Perhaps the woman will not follow me.' 40 But he said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send his angel with you and prosper your way. You shall take a wife for mv son from mv clan and from my father's house. <sup>41</sup> Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my clan. And if they will not give her to you, you will be free from mv oath.'

<sup>42</sup> "I came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you are prospering the way that I go, <sup>43</sup> behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the virgin who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," <sup>44</sup> and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also," let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

<sup>45</sup> "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' 46 She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.' So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also. <sup>47</sup> Then I asked her. 'Whose daughter are you?' She said. 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. 48 Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. 49 Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left."

<sup>50</sup> Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing has come from the LORD; we cannot speak to you bad or good. <sup>51</sup> Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken."

# **SERMON NOTES**

### WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

### **How Rich A Treasure We Possess**

How rich a treasure we possess
In Jesus Christ our Lord
His blood our ransom and defense
His glory our reward
The sum of all created things
Are worthless in compare
For our inheritance is Him
Whose praise angels declare

How free and costly was the love
Displayed upon the cross
While we were dead in untold sin
The Sov'reign purchased us
The will of God the Father
Demonstrated through the Son
The Spirit seals the greatest work
The work which Christ has done

How vast and measureless the flood
Of mercy unrestrained
The penalty was paid in full
The spotless Lamb was slain
Salvation what a priceless gift
Received by grace through faith
We stand in robes of righteousness
We stand in Jesus' Name

For Yours is the Kingdom
And the power and the glory;
Yours is the Kingdom
And the power and the glory;
Yours is the Kingdom
And the power and the glory,
Amen

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# 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: Genesis 24:29-51

Song: Have Thine Own Way

Missions Prayer: Jenny Whitman/ISI at UMSL

# 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.