

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.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Prayer 9:15 a.m. in Pastor's Office
Children at church 9:25 a.m. in the Library
Youth & Adults Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:40 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 33:1–5

*LEADER: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.*

***RESPONSE: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!***

*LEADER: Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.*

***RESPONSE: For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.***

LEADER: He loves righteousness and justice;

***RESPONSE: The earth is full of the steadfast love of
the Lord.***

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

Beautiful Savior

All my days I will sing this song of gladness;
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights.
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life

I will trust, in the cross of my Redeemer;
I will sing, of the blood that never fails!
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end!

Chorus

Beautiful Savior,
Wonderful Counselor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Star of the Morning,
Glorious in holiness!
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion
And You reign,
You reign over all!

I long to be, where the praise is never ending;
Yearn to dwell, where the glory never fades,
Where countless worshipers, will share one song,
And cries of "Worthy!" will honor the Lamb!

Chorus 2x

WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord, from sorrows deep I call, when my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall, hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed, God come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains, still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul, questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll, God, be now my shelter
Why are you cast down, my soul, hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold,
Cause this heart to praise You

Chorus

And oh my soul, put your hope in God
My help my rock, I will praise Him
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm
You're still my God, my salvation

Should my life be torn from me, every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief, God be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night, be my hope and refuge
Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord, my heart will praise You

Chorus 2x

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHEPHERDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 JOHN 2:7–17

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

⁹ Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

*¹² I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.*

*¹³ I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.*

*I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.*

*I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.*

*¹⁴ I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.*

*I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.*

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Our good and faithful Father, in making Your covenant of grace with our fathers in the faith, You have bound Yourself to us, and bound us to You. In all these long years, You have never once failed to uphold the covenant — not for a moment, not in the slightest way. But we, in our treachery and in our walking contrary to You, have broken the covenant times without number. Even this morning, even as we present ourselves before You in worship, our hearts are lifted up in pride and self-righteousness; we harbor unforgiveness, envy and evil desires. Our minds are filled with worldly ambitions and distractions; we struggle to stay awake as we bring our leftovers, rather than our first and best, to You. Lord, have mercy on us.

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

Humbling ourselves before You now, we confess all these sins of thought, word and deed. Circumcise our hearts — cleanse us, set us apart for You alone — and remember Your gracious covenant. We come before You and ask forgiveness not on account of our record of performance, but trusting only in the all-surpassing worthiness of Christ our Redeemer and Mediator in the covenant. O how we praise You that in Him You have upheld not only Your side of the covenant, but ours as well.

Yours is the glory, O Lord, Yours alone! Amen!

WE ARE ASSURED OF OUR PARDON IN CHRIST Colossians 2:13–14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Trinity Hymnal #708

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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**CHILDREN AGES 4-6 ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

PREACHING OF THE WORD

The End of an Era **Genesis 35:16–29**

Then they journeyed from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. ¹⁷ And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, “Do not fear, for you have another son.” ¹⁸ And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin. ¹⁹ So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem), ²⁰ and Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day. ²¹ Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder.

²² While Israel lived in that land, Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine. And Israel heard of it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. ²³ The sons of Leah: Reuben (Jacob's firstborn), Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. ²⁴ The sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. ²⁵ The sons of Bilhah, Rachel's servant: Dan and Naphtali. ²⁶ The sons of Zilpah, Leah's servant: Gad and Asher. These were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram.

²⁷ And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned. ²⁸ Now the days of Isaac were 180 years. ²⁹ And Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

SERMON NOTES

WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away

Chorus

I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness sorrow pain and death are felt and feared no more

Chorus

When shall I see that happy place and be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest

Chorus 2x

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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. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: Genesis 35:16–29

Song: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Missions Prayer: Rise Together Ministries/
St. Louis and Ethiopia

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.