# 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 October 1, 2023

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# WELCOME! TO HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

 $T_{
m o}$  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 John 11:25–26

#### LEADER:

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

#### RESPONSE:

Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

#### LEADER:

Do you believe this?

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

#### **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

#### WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

# 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 Matthew 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women. "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

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

Mighty God, our Rock and our Shield, you are our deliverer and our refuge from danger. We know we have nothing to fear in life or in death, yet we do fear. You have told us to rest from our own striving, yet we often rely on our own strength and find ourselves consumed with anxiety and deeply shaken by this world and by our own weakness. You have promised to work all things in this universe together for our spiritual blessing and good, yet we doubt Your love and argue with your wisdom. Father, forgive us for our unbelief and pride, which cause us repeatedly to doubt Your love, Your Word, and Your power to hold onto us and to work all things together for our good.

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

Lord, thank You that in the midst of our faltering belief, You have provided a strong and powerful Savior. Though Satan's accusations ring in our ears and threaten to undo us, You have declared us righteous and blameless in Your sight because of Christ. You are the Great King of the Universe, the Lord Almighty. Silence our mouths when we condemn ourselves and settle our frightened souls when we tremble with fear before You. Show us how Your wrath toward our sin has been emptied on Your precious Son, and let us feel deeply in our souls that Jesus has paid for every sin with His bleeding wounds.

Holy Spirit, give us eyes to see our Savior, pleading for us as He bears deep wounds that proclaim, "No condemnation." Give us growing faith to believe in Your relentless love for us, and strong minds to discern Your truth from Satan's lies. Please grant us joyful hope to long for heaven, and grace to find rest and contentment in You on our journey there.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

# We Are Assured of Our Pardon in Christ Romans 10:9–10

. . .if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved

#### WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

## It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

#### **Chorus**

It is well with my soul It is well, It is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul
Chorus

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord O my soul
Chorus

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul

Chorus

# CHILDREN AGES 4–6 ARE INVITED TO ATTEND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

#### PREACHING OF THE WORD

## The Coming of the Lord 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## **SERMON NOTES**

#### WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

#### **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,

Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed.

#### Chorus

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee!
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

And when I think that God His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

#### Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
My God how great Thou art.
Chorus

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# BENEDICTION Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Song: All Creatures of Our God and King

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 those who lead Heritage PCA in the direction that God has planned for us: Teaching Elders: Jesse York and Tim Herrera; Ruling Elders: Rich Albert, Ken Leslie, Steve McVey, Mark Saeger and Larry Valentine.
- \* Pray for our Deacons who provide aid for those in need and maintain our church campus: John McFee, Rob Carpenter, Joe Ehart, Eric Myers, Terry Goring and Adam Saeger.
- Pray for our Senior Pastor Jesse York and Assistant Pastor Tim Herrera as they preach God's Word to us and as they encourage our walk as the redeemed of God.