

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 18:30–33

LEADER:

This God—his way is perfect;

RESPONSE:

*The word of the Lord proves true;
He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*

LEADER:

For who is God, but the Lord?

RESPONSE:

And who is a rock, except our God?

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Chorus 2x

WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Chorus

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Chorus

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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

ACTS 17:1-9

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." ⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵ But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶ And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, ⁷ and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." ⁸ And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹ And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

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

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In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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WE ARE ASSURED OF OUR PARDON IN CHRIST **Galatians 3:8–9**

*And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”
9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.*

WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

And Can It Be Trinity Hymnal #455

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
Humbled Himself (so great his love!)
And bled for all His chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me!

Refrain

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Refrain

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Refrain

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CHILDREN AGES 4–6 ARE INVITED TO ATTEND CHILDREN’S CHURCH

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Evangelism for the Rest of Us” 1 Thessalonians 2:1–16

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ² But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³ For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle among you, like

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a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. ¹⁴ For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, ¹⁵ who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind ¹⁶ by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

SERMON NOTES

WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus, our King,
Make known the power of His grace;
The beauty of His peace;
Remember how His mercy reached;
And we cried out to Him; He lifted us to solid ground;
To freedom from our sin.

Chorus

Oh, sing my soul
And tell all He's done,
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus, our Lord,
His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world,
To share the reason for our hope; to serve with love and grace;
That all who see Him shine through us
Might bring the Father praise.

Chorus

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus, our Light,
No other name on earth can save; can raise us a soul to life;
He opens up our eyes to see; the harvest He has grown;
We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home.

Chorus 2x

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BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 2:1–16

Song: Lift High the Name of Jesus

Missions Prayer: Jenny Whitman/ISI St. Louis

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 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.