

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 Proverbs 16:1-4

LEADER:

*The plans of the heart belong to man,
but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.*

RESPONSE:

***All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
but the Lord weighs the spirit.***

LEADER:

*Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established.*

RESPONSE:

***The Lord has made everything for its purpose,
even the wicked for the day of trouble.***

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

God of Wonders

Lord of all creation,
Of water, earth and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high.

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning,
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call Your name by night.

Chorus

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your majesty.

You are holy, holy, holy.

WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness now the Light of Life has come;
Look to Christ, Who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; In Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption see the Father's plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e're restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance how unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

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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**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

O God, you are the Lord of all creation, as well as our loving Father; you are the righteous Judge of all, as well as the One who has given your own Son as the bleeding Sacrifice for our forgiveness. The universe declares your majesty and the angels declare night and day, forever and ever, that you are holy, holy, holy.

Seeing your glory, we are humbled and ashamed that we have invested so much energy in boasting about ourselves and our own little kingdoms. Deceived and deceiving, we have blamed both you and those around us for our own temptations and sins. We have looked upon others as rivals to be defeated rather than as friends to be forgiven and fellow image-bearers to be loved. Lured and enticed by our own desires, we have often given our hands and hearts, our words and wills, to sin and darkness, all the while congratulating ourselves on our superior self-righteousness.

Out of our unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, we come to you. Have mercy upon us, we pray, and forgive our sins. Open our eyes that we may be deceived no longer. Fill our hearts with your love and light that we may glorify and enjoy you forever, and may walk in true peace with our brothers and sisters, our neighbors and friends.

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. 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

Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of my sickness and into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of earth's sorrows and into Thy balm
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to Thee

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**Children ages 4–6 are invited to attend
Children's Church**

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Rueben's "Rescue"

Genesis 37:12–24

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵ And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

¹⁸ They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²² And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. ²⁴ And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

SERMON NOTES

WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners Trinity Hymnal #498

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Chorus

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Chorus

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Chorus

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my pilot, hears my cry.

Chorus

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

Chorus

BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 3:11–13

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: Genesis 37:12–24

Song: Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

Missions Prayer: John & Cathy Rug/Chile

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.