

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 34:1–3**

LEADER:

*I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

RESPONSE:

*My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.*

TOGETHER:

*Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!*

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Chorus

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Chorus

O come desire of nations, bind
All people in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease,
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace!

Chorus 2x

WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,
Dayspring from on high appear
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing news,
Glad tidings of a birth
"Go to Him your praising bringing,
Christ the Lord has come to earth!"

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end,
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

SCRIPTURE READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Luke 1:26–38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

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 forgive 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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 34:4–7

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.*

*⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.*

*⁶ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.*

*⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.*

WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem in Israel this blessed Babe was born,
And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn;
The which His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn;

Chorus

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name.

Chorus

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway, the blessed babe to find.

Chorus

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place;
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace!
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface;

Chorus

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Magnificat

Luke 1:46–55

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ *and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,*

⁴⁸ *for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.*

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ *for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.*

⁵⁰ *And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.*

⁵¹ *He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;*

⁵² *he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;*

⁵³ *he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.*

⁵⁴ *He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,*

⁵⁵ *as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”*

SERMON NOTES

WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold

God most high in a manger laid,
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious, love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel,
King Who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay, the invincible,
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son

O what wisdom to save us all,
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall
Grace and majesty, what humility,
Come on bended knee, adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel,
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads, for your King has come
Sing for the light overwhelms the dark

Glory shining for all to see,
Hope alive, let the gospel ring
God has made a way, He will have the praise
Tell the world His name is Jesus

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, gloria (x3)

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BENEDICTION

Psalm 34:22

*The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be
condemned.*

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: Luke 1:46–55

Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Missions Prayer: Brad & Patty Wos/EFCA 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 for 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, Jacob Hammack, Ken Leslie, Steve McVey, Kerry Messer, Mark Saeger and Larry Valentine.
- * Pray for our Deacons who provide aid for those in need and maintain our church campus: Rob Carpenter, Joe Ehart, Ben Gruhn, John McFee, 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.

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