

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 **Children's Chimes Choir**

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Chorus

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:

Chorus

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star:

Chorus

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One:

Chorus 3x

WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

See Amid the Winter's Snow

See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Chorus

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

"As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing, 'Peace on earth,'
Told us of the Savior's birth."

Chorus

Sacred infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this!

Chorus

Teach, O teach us, holy child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility.

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 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.**

SCRIPTURE READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Isaiah 59:20–60:5

"And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.

"And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD, "from this time forth and forevermore."

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

From Hosea 6:4

Our faithful Father, we humbly confess that our love for you is like a morning cloud that colors the sky for just a few minutes and then is gone; like the dew that covers the earth and yet goes away early. Our attention span is short, our desires are impatient, our affection is fickle.

Our great God, we humbly confess that these shortfalls in our love are not merely symptoms of our weakness, but are outbreaks of our sin. We have promised obedience to your law, but when a quicker path to pleasure appears we are all too ready to trade obedience for it. We have pledged faithfulness to your covenant, but when a more pleasing 'god' appears we are all too hasty to break our promises to you in order to serve it.

We are both foolish and sinful, ungrateful and unloving. Have mercy on us, we pray.

Our faithful Father, we gratefully trust that your love for us is unchanging, immovable and eternal. You will never leave us, forsake us, or forget us. You love us too perfectly to leave us in our sin, and are patiently and unfailingly transforming us by the renewing of our minds and the reforming of affections. Forgive our sins, looking not upon our record of failure but only upon the spotless righteousness of Jesus our Savior.

In his unconquerable name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 44:21–22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

Infant Holy Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing,
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you!
Christ the babe was born for you!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Benedictus

Luke 1:68–79

*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from
of old,
71 that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to
grant us
74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our
enemies,
might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all
our days.
76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the
Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the
shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."*

SERMON NOTES

WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort, comfort ye My people
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near
Bidding all men to repentance
Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon
Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He will no more see nor heed.
She has suffered many a day
Now her griefs have passed away
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever springing gladness.

Make ye straight what long was crooked
Make the rougher places plain
Let your hearts be true and humble
As befits His holy reign
For the glory of the Lord
O'er the earth is shed abroad
And all flesh shall see the token
That His Word is never broken.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you;

*the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you;*

*the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you
peace.*

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: Luke 1:68–79

Song: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Missions Prayer: 1% HPC Fund

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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