

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

December 15, 2024

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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 John 1:14-18

LEADER:

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

RESPONSE:

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

LEADER:

For the law was given through Moses;

RESPONSE:

Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

LEADER:

No one has ever seen God;

RESPONSE:

The only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST

WE SING A SONG OF PRAISE

Brightest and Best

Hail blessed morn, see the great Mediator
down from the regions of glory descend
Shepherds go worship the Babe in a manger
Lo for a guard the bright angels attend

Say shall we yield Him, in costly devotion
Fragrance of Edom and off' - rings di - vine
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine

CHORUS

Brightest and best of sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness
and lend us Thine aid
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant
Redeemer was laid

Vainly we offer each ample oblation
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure
Richer by far is the hearts adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor

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SCRIPTURE READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Luke 1:39–56

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“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.”

⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

WE SING A SONG OF ASCENT

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

SCRIPTURE READING

2 SAMUEL 7:1-17

Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ² the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³ And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you."

⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, ⁵ "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷ In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' ⁸ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹ And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to

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him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” ¹⁷ In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

LEADER:

Eternal and merciful God,

You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your
name's sake.

Yet we have strayed from Your way;

we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.

As we remember the lavish gift of Your grace

symbolized in baptism, O God,

we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us
yet again.

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

TOGETHER:

**Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with You,
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 2:13-14

*And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the
uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with
him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the
record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.
This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

WE SING A SONG OF ASSURANCE

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.

COVENANTAL BAPTISM

Rute Amélia Cristino Moura

Stella Magnolia Cristino Moura

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

A Son Is Given

Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

*² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.*

*³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.*

*⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

*⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.*

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⁶ *For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

⁷ *Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.*

SERMON NOTES

WE SING A SONG OF RESPONSE

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heav'n's all-gracious King";
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong
And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring
O hush the noise ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:1-7

Song: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Missions Prayer: Andreas & Katherine van Wijngaarden/
Cambridge

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, 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.