#### Sr Pastor

Pastor Ruben Sernas

#### **Elders**

Bob Horton John Hrenko

Joe Mayberry

#### **Deacons**

Rick Adams Joe Graves Gary Morgan Angelo Sica

Jim Swank

Financial Update as of 9.29.24

September Giving \$18,816 September Est Expenses \$20,000

YTD Budget \$ 22,846 YTD Giving \$ 18,816 YDT Deficit (\$ 4,030) (our fiscal year runs Sept-Aug)

**Attendance last Sunday** 

Worship Service 57 Sunday School 19

### Please pray for these Heritage families this coming week:

Deata Hitchcock, Kera, Sabastian, & Emily Roubidoux & Greyson Weber Mike, Kristin & Kaleb Honeycutt

Bob & Carolyn Horton
John, Kristin, Nathan & Katrina Hrenko
Don & Ruth Jordan

## This morning's Youth Ministry volunteers

Worship nursery:	<u> </u>
<b>Jr Church:</b> Jean Si	ca & Betsy Swank
Sunday School nu	rsery: +
	Next Sunday, 10/13
Worship nursery:	Myrtle Thompson+
Jr Church:	+
Sunday School nu	rserv: +

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## Heritage Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11:15 am

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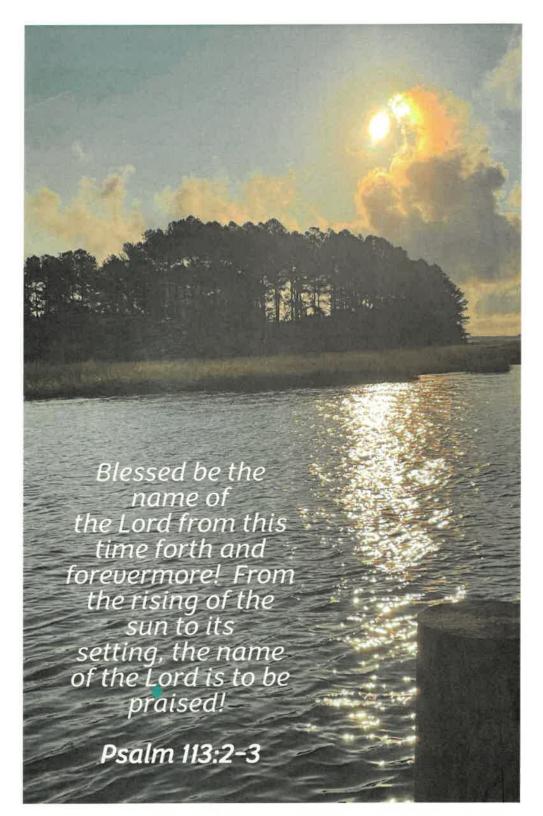
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## October 6, 2024

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Debbie Adams Pastor Sernas

## **Approaching God**

Call to Worship: Psalm 113:1-3 (ESV)

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

\* Song of Praise: That's Why We Praise Him

\* Prayer of Adoration

## Confessing our Need of God's Sustaining Grace

Heavenly Father, forgive us for trusting in ourselves rather than trusting in You. Forgive us for relying upon our own strength rather than relying upon You to strengthen, preserve and sustain us. Lord Jesus, thank You for the forgiveness of sins that You purchased at such a great price. On the basis of Your great sacrifice, we are forgiven of all of our past, present, and future sins. Would You grant us the grace to treasure You and Your salvation more and more each day. Holy Spirit, would You grant us the desire and the discipline to pray. As we pray, help us to grow in greater dependence upon You and closer communion with You. In Christ's name, Amen.

## Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace: Romans 8:26-28 (ESV)

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

\* Song of Thanksgiving: Amazing Grace

## **Delighting** in God

Call to Give: 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (ESV)

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

**Prayer of Praise & Intercession** 

\* Songs of Anticipation: Goodness of God
Living Hope
(students 4yrs-2nd grade dismissed for Jr Church)

## **Hearing God**

Reading of God's Word: Colossians 2:6-15

Sermon "Alive in Christ"

Pastor Pace Holdbrooks

COMMUNION

\* Closing Song: All I Have is Christ

(Jr Church students return to the sanctuary)

\* Benediction

\* All who are able, please stand

After the Worship service, if you have a special prayer request or a question concerning the sermon or a question regarding eternal life with God, please come to one of the front pews, someone will be glad to speak with you.

# Taking the Sermon Home With You 10/6/24 Rev. Pace Holdbrooks Colossians 2:6-15 "Alive in Christ"

Our Challenge - Walk as one alive (vv. 6-8)

Our Enemy - World, Flesh, Devil (vv. 8, 13-15)

Our Hope - Baptized, Forgiven, Made Alive (vv. 9-15)

# The Lord's Supper

As we celebrate the Lord's Supper, it is important to understand what it means. In our church and our denomination (PCA - Presbyterian Church in America), our doctrinal standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith and Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms. These statements of faith are summaries of biblical teaching. I will use two questions and answers from the Westminster Shorter Catechism for our responsive reading. The minister will read the questions and the whole congregation will respond with the answers.

Minister - Q. 92. What is a sacrament?

**Congregation** - A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the New Covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Minister - Q. 96. What is the Lord's Supper?

Congregation - The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, His death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11: 23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Participants: Heritage Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone for salvation; who forsake their sin; and who are members in good standing of a Christian church which proclaims the Gospel and rightfully understands and administers the sacraments to receive communion with us. If this does not describe you, we respectfully ask that you would abstain from this meal.

<u>Silent Prayer:</u> Let us prepare our hearts before we partake of the Lord's Supper with a silent prayer.

## Distribution of the Elements

## Partaking of the Lord's Supper

BREAD: 1 Corinthians 11:23 "This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Let us partake of the bread together.

WINE: 1 Corinthians 11:25 "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Let us partake together.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** We conclude our celebration of the Lord's Supper by offering a prayer of thanksgiving. Let us pray together:

Congregation - Thank You, Lord Jesus, for dying for our sins. We are also grateful that by this sacred meal we have intensified our communion with You. We glorify You for this spiritual nourishment that we have received by faith. We praise You for our unity in Christ which we have expressed by this meal. In Christ's name, Amen.