Sr Pastor

Pastor Ruben Sernas

**Elders** 

Bob Horton John Hrenko

Joe Mayberry

**Deacons**Rick Adams
Gary Morgan

Joe Graves Angelo Sica

Jim Swank

Financial Update as of 10.6.24

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

YTD Budget \$27,416 YTD Giving \$25,888 (our fiscal year runs Sept-Aug)

Attendance last Sunday

Worship Service 71 Sunday School 46

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

Bob & Connie Kirby
Carol Ling
Phyllis Loveless
Dennis & Gwen Lytle
Arlese, Layton & Owen Mast

#### This morning's Youth Ministry volunteers

Worship nursery:	Myrtle	Thompson	+
Jr Church:	+		=
Sunday School nu	rsery:		+
	Ne	ext Sunday	, 10/20
Worship nursery:	Myrtle	Thompson-	-
Jr Church:	+		_
Sunday School nu	rserv:		+

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# Heritage Presbyterian Church

**Sunday Worship Sunday School** 

9:30 am 11:15 am

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And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. Psalm 9:10

### October 13, 2024

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Debbie Adams Pastor Sernas

# **Approaching God**

#### Call to Worship: Psalm 9:7-11 (ESV)

But the Lord sits enthroned forever; He has established His throne for justice, and He judges the World with righteousness; He judges the peoples with uprightness. The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples His deeds!

- \* Song of Praise: Before the Throne of God Above
- \* Prayer of Adoration, closing with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### Confessing our Need of God's Sustaining Grace

Heavenly Father, we are blinded by our own filthy righteousness and often find ourselves judging others for their sins in spite of our own lengthy record of transgression. Lord Jesus, we have no righteousness of our own, but You are our righteousness. We are thankful how You loved Your enemies, Your disciples, and Your closest friends and family with sinless perfection. We are grateful for Your sacrificial love and Your great salvation. Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom to know when we should speak the truth in love to others, and when love can cover many sins, for we are easily confused. In Christ's name, Amen.

### Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace: Ephesians 4:11-16 (ESV)

And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the Head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

\* Song of Thanksgiving: His Mercy is More

## **Delighting in God**

Call to Give: Proverbs 3:9 (ESV)

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce...

God's Kingdom Building: Scott & Meghan Dillon,

serving with MTW in Panama City, Panama

**Prayer of Praise & Intercession** 

\* Songs of Anticipation: Goodness of God

I Surrender All (All I Am)

(students 4yrs-2nd grade dismissed for Jr Church)

**Hearing God** 

Reading of God's Word: Psalm 123

Sermon "Fix Your

"Fix Your Eyes on your Merciful God"

Pastor Sernas

\* Closing Song: Turn Your Eyes

(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	10/13/24
Psalm 123 "Fix your eyes on your Merciful God	"
Lifting your eyes towards Heaven	
Seeking deliverance from scorn and contempt	

Questions for personal &/ or group discussion:  1. What is the significance of God being enthroned in heaven?
2. Why is the psalmist comparing himself to a servant and maidservant?
3. Is there a difference between contempt and scorn?
4. Who are the scorners in this psalm?
5. What does this psalm teach us about prayer?