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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 3.30.25

March Giving \$20,690

March Est Expenses \$20,000

YTD Budget \$141,648

YTD Giving \$137,024

*(our fiscal year runs Sept-Aug)***Attendance last Sunday**

Worship Service 58

Sunday School 38

Please pray for these Heritage families this coming week:

Virginia Palmer

Joe & Betty Reinhart

Sandy Sculley

Pastor Ruben, Leah, Eva, Sophia, David, Johnny & CC Sernas

Angelo & Jean Sica

This morning's Youth Ministry volunteers**Worship nursery:** _____ + _____**Jr Church:** Amy Forrest & Phyllis Loveless**Sunday School nursery:** _____ + _____**Next Sunday, 4/13****Worship nursery:** _____ + _____**Jr Church:** John & Kristin Hrenko**Sunday School nursery:** _____ + _____*A Reformed congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

Heritage Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship**9:30 am****Sunday School****11:15 am****You may contact us at**

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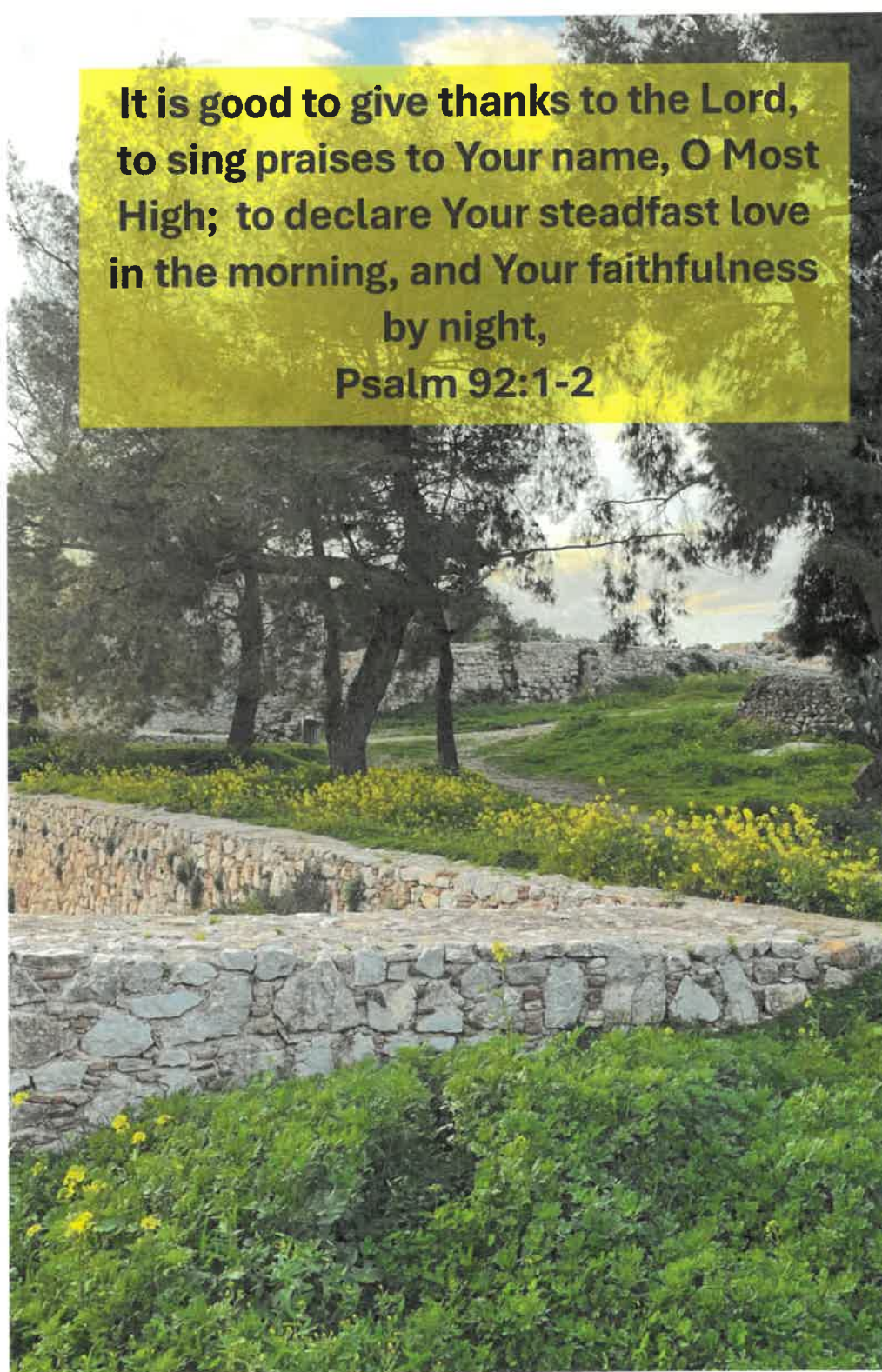
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**It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most
High; to declare Your steadfast love
in the morning, and Your faithfulness
by night,
Psalm 92:1-2**



April 6, 2025

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Debbie Adams
Pastor Ruben Sernas

Approaching God

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-4 (ESV)

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name,
O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the
harp, to the melody of the lyre. For You, O Lord, have made me glad
by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.*

*** Song of Praise:** Lord, With Blazing Heart

*** Prayer of Adoration**

Confessing our Need of God's Sustaining Grace:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for making us capable of knowing You, and for awakening our souls to desire You. Help us to approach You with reverence and awe; not with presumption or servile fear, but with holy boldness and joyful expectation. Lord Jesus, we are grateful for Your salvation. We rejoice in Your perfect obedience to God's law. By Your perfect obedience, You have gained for us righteousness. On the basis of Christ's merits, we are declared righteous before God. Holy Spirit, give us strong desires to love and obey You and strength to walk in growing obedience. In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of God's Sustaining Grace: Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

*** Song of Thanksgiving**

Cecelia

Delighting in God

Call to Give: Exodus 35:4-9 (ESV)

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the Lord has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze; blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, and goatskins; acacia wood, oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, and onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

Prayer of Praise & Intercession

*** Songs of Anticipation:** *May I Have the Mind of Christ*

Take My Life & Let it Be

(grades K-4th are dismissed for Jr Church)

Hearing God

Reading of God's Word: Ephesians 4:1-3

Sermon *"Maintaining the Unity of the Spirit"* Pastor Sernas

COMMUNION

*** Closing Song:** *By Faith*

(children return from Jr Church)

*** 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.

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.

Silent Prayer: 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.

Taking the Sermon Home With You 4/6/25

Ephesians 4:1-3 “Maintaining the Unity of the Spirit”

1. Humility

2. Gentleness

3. Patience

4. Love

Questions for personal &/ or group discussion:

1. How does the Bible define humility?

2. Why is gentleness a Christian virtue?

3. Why is it important to be patient within a community?

4. There are different kinds of love. What kind of love is Paul referring to in our passage?

5. How did Christ exemplify these virtues in His earthly ministry?