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**Sr Pastor**

Pastor Ruben Sernas

**Elders**

Bob Horton      John Hrenko  
Joe Mayberry

**Deacons**

Rick Adams      Joe Graves  
Gary Morgan    Angelo Sica  
Jim Swank

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**Financial Update as of 8.31.25**

August Giving      \$21,595

August Est Expenses    \$20,000

YTD Budget      \$237,603

YTD Giving      \$228,787

*(our fiscal year runs Sept-Aug)*

**Attendance last Sunday**

Worship Service    66

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

Don & Denise Squires

James & Jessica Swank

Jim & Betsy Swank

Gloria Temple

Myrtle Thompson

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**This morning's Youth Ministry volunteers**

Worship nursery: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

Jr Church: Jim & Crystal Baum

**Next Sunday, 9/14**

Worship nursery: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

Jr Church: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday School nursery: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

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*A Reformed congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

## Heritage Presbyterian Church

**Sunday Worship**

**9:30 am**

**You may contact us at**

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New Castle, DE 19720

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**Let everything that has breath praise  
the Lord! Praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6**

**September 7, 2025**

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

Debbie Adams  
Pastor Ruben Sernas

## **Approaching God**

**Call to Worship: Psalm 150:1-6 (ESV)**

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens! Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe! Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

**\*Song of Praise: Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)**

### **Prayer of Adoration**

**Confessing our Need of God's Sustaining Grace:**

Heavenly Father, in the light of Your law of love, we stand woefully condemned. If we were treated as we treat others, we would be devastated. Lord Jesus, Your powerful voice that spoke only in love and truth towards others cried out in agony as You endured the punishment and pain that our sins deserve. You fulfilled the law of love in our place. We are amazed by the great salvation that You accomplished by Your life, death, and resurrection. Holy Spirit, help us to live in the blessed assurance that we are Your adopted children because of what Jesus has done for us. Fulfill Your righteous law of love in us so we might genuinely love and serve one another daily. In Christ's name, Amen.

**Assurance of God's Sustaining Grace: Romans 8:1-6 (ESV)**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live

according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

**\* Songs of Thanksgiving**

Cecelia Epote

## **Delighting in God**

**Offering/Offertory: Proverbs 3:9 (ESV)**

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

### **Prayer of Praise & Intercession**

**\* Songs of Anticipation:** You Are My All in All  
I Surrender All (All I Am)

## **Hearing God**

**Reading of God's Word: Ephesians 6:10-13 (ESV)**

Sermon "Our Spiritual War" Pastor Ruben Sernas

**\*\*COMMUNION**

**\* Closing Song:** In Christ Alone

**\* Benediction**

**\* All who are able, please stand**

**\*\* Our Communion bread is gluten-free**

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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 9/14/25  
Ephesians 6:14 "The Whole Armor of God: Part I"

I. Belt of Truth

II. Breastplate of Righteousness

**Questions for personal &/ or group discussion:**

1. Why do we need the armor of God?
2. Why do we need the belt of truth?
3. What are some essential truths that we need to know as Christians?
4. Why do we need Christ's righteousness?
5. Do we have any righteousness of our own?

## **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.*