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Pastor Ruben Sernas

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Joe Mayberry
John Hrenko

Deacons
Rick Adams Joe Graves
Gary Morgan Angelo Sica
Jim Swank

Financial Update as of 3.29.26

March Giving \$26,838
March Est Expenses \$20,000

YTD Budget \$138,997
YTD Giving \$141,442
(our fiscal year runs Sept-Aug)

Attendance last Sunday

Worship Service 73
Sunday School 44

Please pray for these Heritage families this coming week:

John, Kristin & Katrina Hrenko
Don & Ruth Jordan
Lucas Kemp
Bob & Connie Kirby
Carol Ling

This morning's Youth Ministry volunteers

Worship nursery: Joe & Joanne Graves

Jr Church: John & Kristin Hrenko

Next Sunday, 4/12

Worship nursery: _____ + _____

Jr Church: _____ + _____

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

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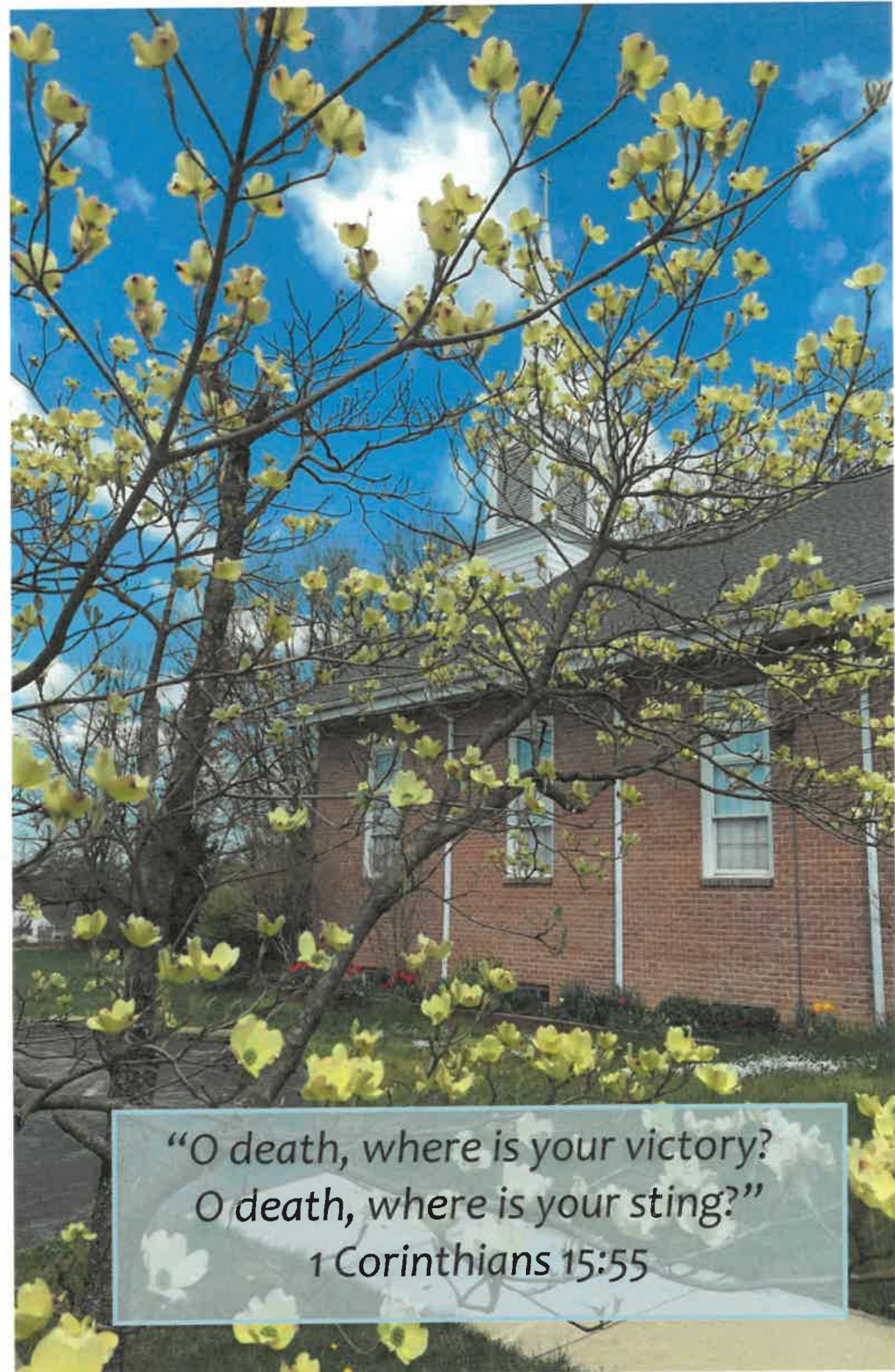
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“O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”
1 Corinthians 15:55

April 5, 2026

Delighting in God

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Debbie Adams
Pastor Ruben Sernas
Approaching God

Call to Worship: 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (ESV)

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*** Song of Praise:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Prayer of Adoration

Confessing our Need of God’s Sustaining Grace:

Heavenly Father, we fail to see the ugliness of our sins and their impact on others, and we downplay the consequences of our sins. Lord Jesus, thank You for enduring indignity, pain, and suffering for our sake. By Your suffering and death on the cross, we are blessed with the forgiveness of sins. We are grateful for Your resurrection, which guarantees our future, physical and glorious resurrection. Holy Spirit, grant us merciful hearts to extend to others the forgiveness that has been shown to us. Dear Lord, thank You for being merciful, loving, and forgiving towards us. Dear God, help us to do likewise. In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of God’s Sustaining Grace: Luke 23:32-38 (ESV)

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

***Song of Thanksgiving:** Love of God

Offering/Offertory: Deuteronomy 16:17 (ESV)

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

Prayer of Praise & Intercession

*** Song of Anticipation:** Christ Arose
Christus Victor

Hearing God

Reading of God’s Word: Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)

Sermon “He has Risen! He is Not Here!” Pastor Ruben Sernas

****Communion**

*** Closing Song:** Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

*** Benediction**

* All who are able, please stand
** Our Communion bread is gluten-free

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 4/5/26

Mark 16:1-8 “He has risen! He is not here!”

I. The Women at the Empty Tomb

II. The Women and the Angel

III. The Women's Response

Questions for personal &/ or group discussion:

1. Why were the women at the tomb?
2. What did the angel say about Jesus?
3. What instructions did the angel give the women?
4. Why were the women trembling and astonished?
5. What are we fearful of when talking to others about Jesus?

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.