

**Sr Pastor**

Pastor Ruben Sernas

**Elders**

Joe Mayberry

John Hrenko

**Deacons**

Rick Adams      Joe Graves

Gary Morgan     Angelo Sica

Jim Swank

**Financial Update as of 4.26.26**

April Giving            \$16,135

April Est Expenses    \$20,000

YTD Budget            \$157,530

YTD Giving             \$157,577

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

Worship Service      62

Sunday School        34

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

Dave Snyder

Don &amp; Denise Squires

James, Jessica, Warren &amp; Carl Swank

Jim &amp; Betsy Swank

Gloria Temple

**This morning's Youth Ministry volunteers****Worship nursery:** \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_**Jr Church:** Jessica & James Swank**Sunday School nursery:** \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_**Next Sunday, 5/10****Worship nursery:** \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_**Jr Church:** Amy Forrest & Phyllis Loveless**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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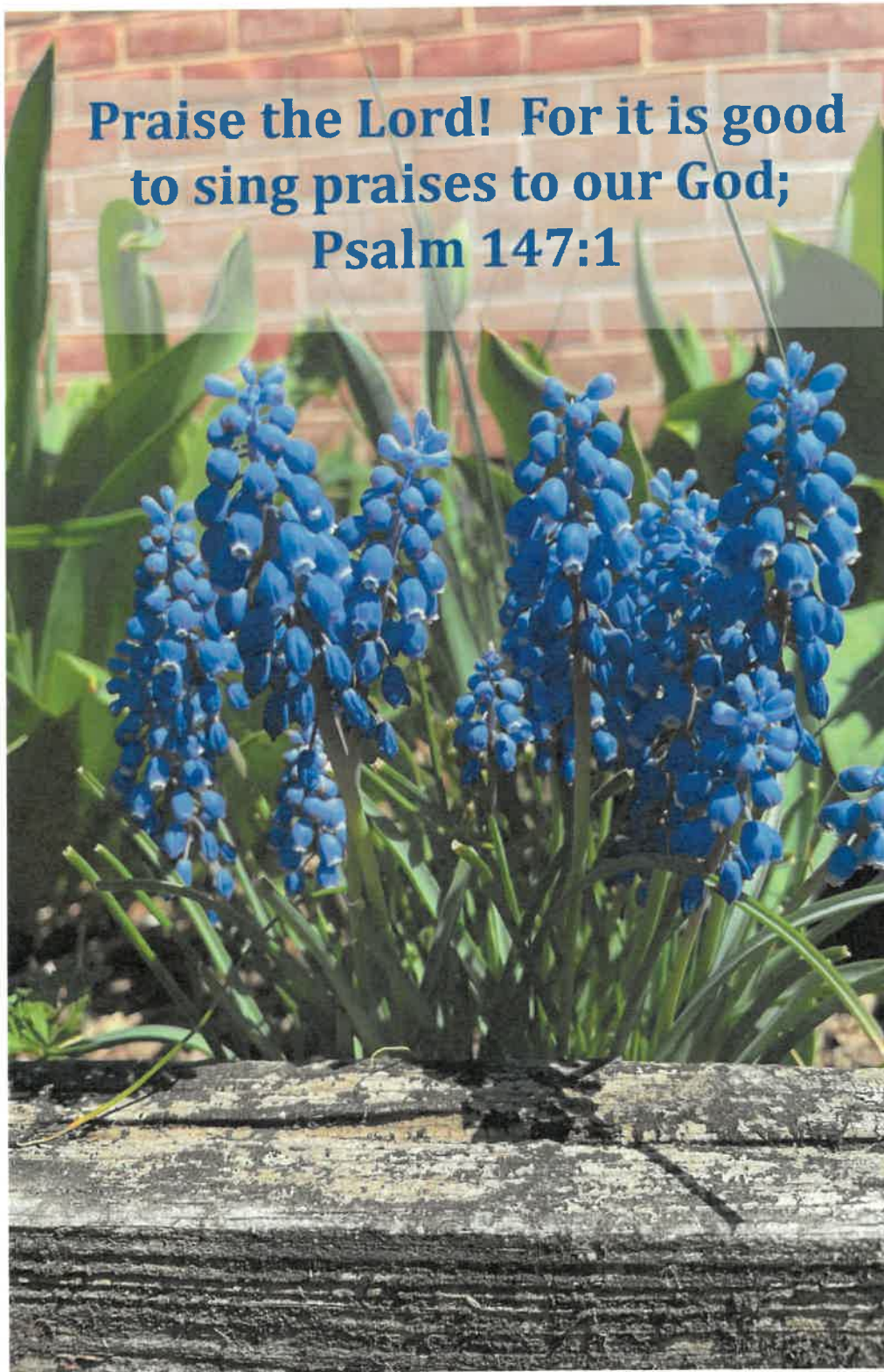
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**Praise the Lord! For it is good  
to sing praises to our God;  
Psalm 147:1**



May 3, 2026

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements

Debbie Adams  
Pastor Ruben Sernas

## Approaching God

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 147:1-3 (ESV)**

*Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

\* **Song of Praise:** *O For a Thousand Tongues*

### **Prayer of Adoration**

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

Heavenly Father, our hearts are set firmly on things that will rust, break, decay, and die, instead of being devoted to the One who loved us and gave Himself for us. We desire earthly treasures more than fellowship with You. Lord Jesus, You were completely devoted to doing the will of Your Heavenly Father, which is the salvation of Your people. We are eternally grateful that You accomplished the work of salvation by Your life, death, and resurrection. Holy Spirit, help us to grow in our love for Christ. Continue to sanctify our hearts so that we treasure the Giver of every perfect gift far more than His gifts. In Christ's name, Amen.

### **Assurance of God's Sustaining Grace: Matthew 6:19-24 (ESV)**

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!" "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

\***Song of Thanksgiving:** *Knowing You*

## Delighting in God

### **Offering/Offertory: Deuteronomy 12:5-6 (ESV)**

*But you shall seek the place that the Lord your God will choose out of all your tribes to put His name and make His habitation there. There you shall go, and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock.*

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

\* **Song of Anticipation:** *The First Hymn*  
*The Power of the Cross*

## Hearing God

### **Reading of God's Word: Romans 5:12-21 (ESV)**

**Sermon** "Adam & Christ" Pastor Ruben Sernas

### **\*\* COMMUNION**

\* **Closing Song:** *Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death*

\* **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 5/3/26**

**Romans 5:12-21 "Adam and Christ"**

**I. Our first representative**

**II. Our Second Representative**

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

1. What were Adam's obligations to God in the Garden of Eden?

2. What were the consequences of Adams's sin?

3. What does it mean that Christ is our second representative?

4. What spiritual benefits did Christ gain for His people according to our passage?

5. What are some key differences between Christ and Adam?

## 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.*