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Pastor Ruben Sernas

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John Hrenko

Deacons

Rick Adams Joe Graves

Gary Morgan Angelo Sica

Jim Swank

Financial Update as of 7.26.26

July Giving \$16,380

July Est Expenses \$20,000

YTD Budget \$217,762

YTD Giving \$211,965

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

Worship Service 54

Please pray for these Heritage families this coming week:

Lucretia Barclay

Jim & Crystal Baum

Sarah Bergey

Beverly Bodden

Bob & Sandy Cloutier

This morning's Youth Ministry volunteers**Worship nursery:** _____ + _____**Jr Church:** Joanne & Joe Graves**Next Sunday, 8/9****Worship nursery:** Jean Sica + _____**Jr Church:** Bob & Connie Kirby*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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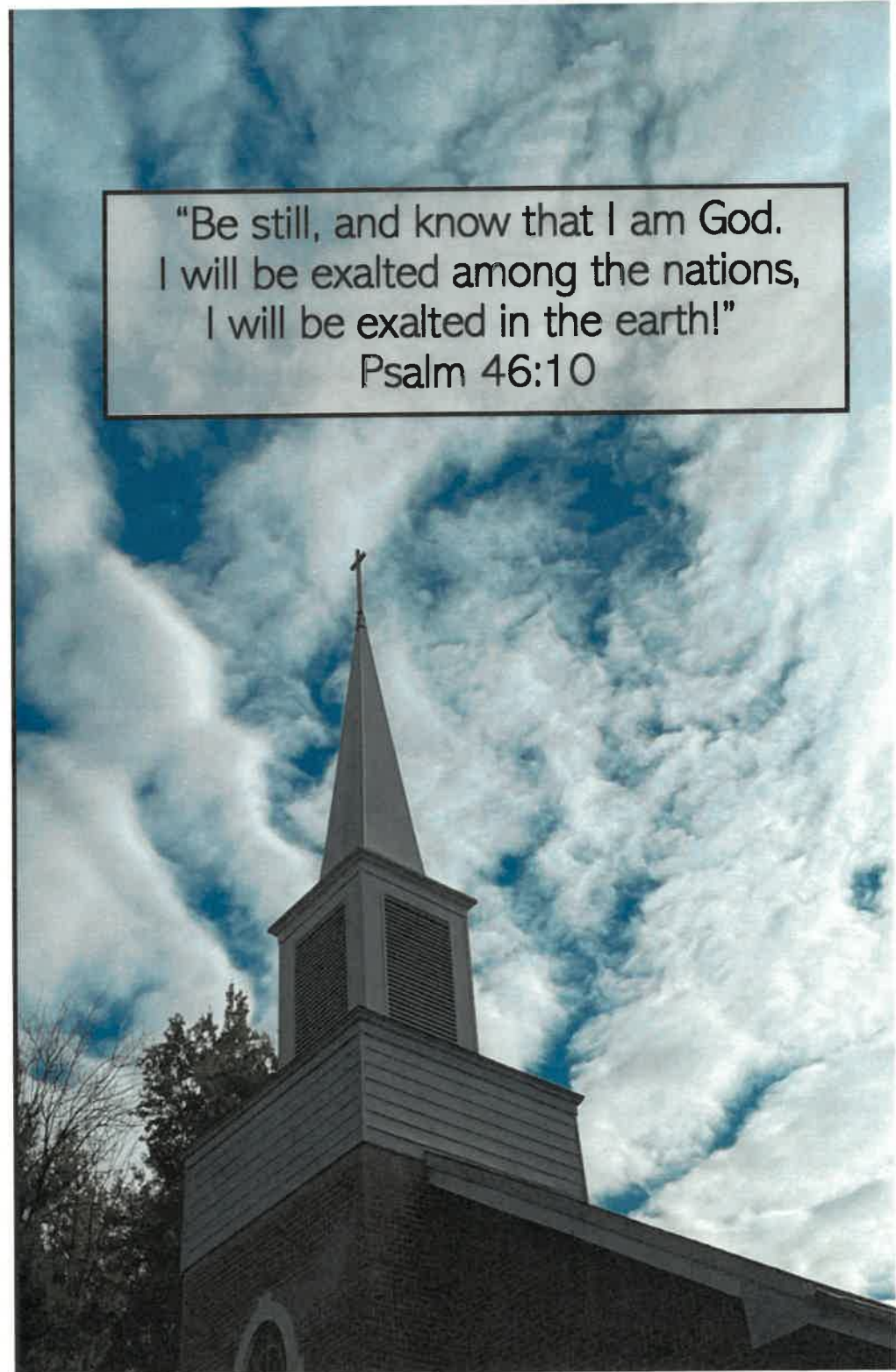
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"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

Psalm 46:10



July 26, 2026

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Debbie Adams
Pastor Ruben Sernas
Approaching God

Call to Worship: Psalm 46:10-11 (ESV)

*"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah*

*** Song of Praise: How Great Thou Art**

Prayer of Adoration

Confessing our Need of God's Sustaining Grace:

Heavenly Father, we are prone to wander like sheep. We have turned to our own way. In moments of suffering, we have looked for wisdom in this world and comforted ourselves with man-made schemes to deal with our suffering. Lord Jesus, You are our Good Shepherd. You go after each of Your wandering sheep. You love Your sheep so much that You laid down Your life for Your sheep. As a result of Your sacrificial love and perfect sacrifice, we are saved from our sins. Holy Spirit, cause us to repent of our wandering ways. Please comfort our hearts in the midst of suffering. Strengthen our faith and help us to become mature disciples of Christ Jesus. In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of God's Sustaining Grace: John 10:14-18(ESV)

I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father."

*** Song of Thanksgiving: Glorious Christ**

Delighting in God

Call to Give: Deuteronomy 14:22 (ESV)

"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year.

Prayer of Praise & Intercession

*** Song of Anticipation: The Love of God is Greater Far**
This is Amazing Grace

Hearing God

Reading of God's Word: Romans 8:29-30 (ESV)

Sermon "The Golden Chain of Salvation"

Pastor Sernas

**** COMMUNION**

*** Closing Song: In Christ Alone**

*** Benediction**

**All who are able, please stand*

*** Our Communion bread is gluten-free*

Each Communion Sunday we take up a special offering for our **Deacons' Mercy Fund**. This fund helps us meet the financial & material needs of those both within our congregation and also in our local community. Please label your gift "Deacons Mercy" and drop it in the box at the sanctuary door. If you know of someone with a special need, please contact the church office.

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 August 2, 2026
Romans 8:29-30 “The Golden Chain of Salvation”

1. Foreknowledge and Predestination

2. Calling

3. Justification

4. Glorification

Questions for Personal or Group Discussion:

1. What is foreknowledge?

2. What is predestination?

3. What is calling?

4. What is justification?

5. What is glorification?

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.*