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Angelo Sica

Financial Update as of 8.30.26

Aug Giving \$23,722

Aug Est Expenses \$20,000

YTD Budget \$240,928

YTD Giving \$235,688

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

Worship Service 77

Please pray for these Heritage families this coming week:

Lucas Kemp

Bob & Connie Kirby

Carol Ling

Phyllis Loveless

Dennis & Gwen Lytle

This morning's Youth Ministry volunteers**Worship nursery:** Joanne & Joe Graves**Jr Church:** _____ + _____**Next Sunday, 9/13****Worship nursery:** Joanne & Joe Graves**Jr Church:** Jean Sica & Betsy Swank*A Reformed congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America***Heritage Presbyterian
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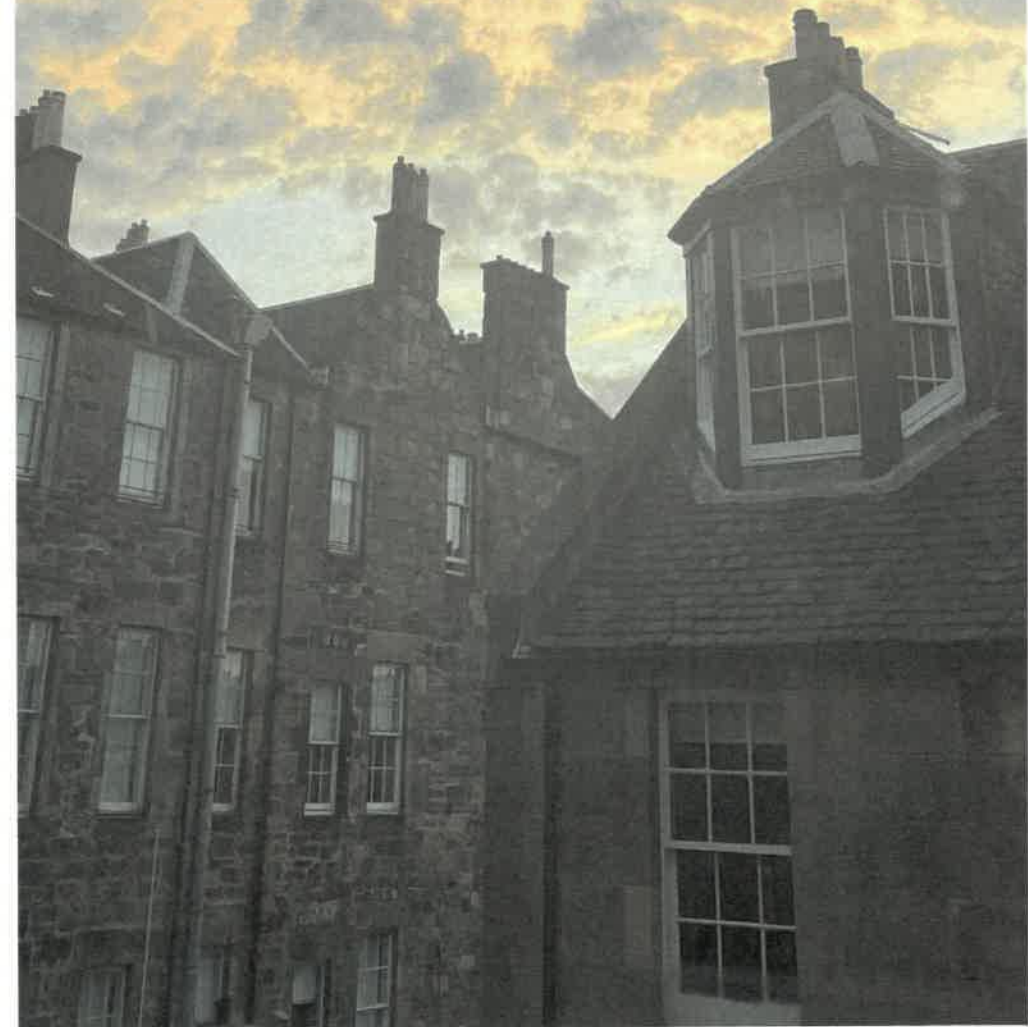
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May God be gracious to us and
bless us and make His face to
shine upon us that Your way
may be known on earth

Psalm 67:1-2



September 6, 2026

Prelude

Debbie Adams

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ruben Sernas

Approaching God

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-7 (ESV)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, Selah that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

*** Song of Praise: Before the Throne of God Above**

Prayer of Adoration

Confessing our Need of God's Sustaining Grace:

Heavenly Father, Your Word penetrates our hearts and exposes the truth about our thoughts and intentions. It uncovers our self-confidence and self-centeredness, as well as the secret sins that we hide so successfully from one another. Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to deliver us from our sinful self-centeredness. Your heart was always perfectly aligned with the Father's will. Your thoughts, as well as Your actions, were always pure and undefiled, filled with love for those around You and compassion for the lost. Lord Jesus, You laid aside Your glory and became a humble servant, defeating the forces of Satan through Your own death and winning victory in our place. Holy Spirit, teach us not to trust in ourselves or in earthly sources of power and strength. Enable us to trust completely in Jesus, our great High Priest, who offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of God's Sustaining Grace: Psalm 51:1-13 (ESV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in

Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.

*** Songs of Thanksgiving**

Cecelia Epote

Delighting in God

Call to Give: Proverbs 3:9 (ESV)

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

Prayer of Praise & Intercession

*** Song of Anticipation: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Wonderful Maker**

Hearing God

Reading of God's Word: Romans 9:14-29 (ESV)

Sermon

"The Potter and His Clay"

Pastor Sernas

**** COMMUNION**

*** Closing Song: Nothing But the Blood**

*** 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 9/6/26

Romans 9:14-29 “The Potter and His Clay”

1. God’s Mercy and Compassion

2. God and Pharaoh

3. God and Two Types of Vessels

Questions for personal &/ or group discussion:

1. Is God unjust in not saving every human being?

2. Why didn’t God save Pharaoh?

3. Why does the apostle Paul describe God as a Potter?

4. What are the vessels of honorable use and vessels of dishonorable use?

5. Why did Paul quote from Hosea?

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.*