HERITAGE CHURCH

A Celebration of the Lord's Day
This 25th of October
in the year of our Lord 2026

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel . . . Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

(Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29)

Maintaining a Proper Worship Atmosphere

In order to maintain a proper atmosphere of worship for our morning service, we kindly ask everyone to find your seats when the music begins at 10:25 a.m. and prepare your hearts for worship. We kindly ask that you silence your cell phones, dispose of all food and drinks, and refrain from all activity that is not conducive to our corporate worship of God (e.g. texting, etc.). God's people come to worship God in the beauty of holiness, and true spiritual worship is our greatest joy.

Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! (1 Chronicles 16:29)

Communion Observance

Each Lord's Day, we observe communion as a regular part of our corporate worship together. We invite all baptized saints to join us at the Lord's Table in this morning's service, provided you can agree with the statement of faith listed below, you are a member in good standing with a Bible believing evangelical church, and you are not under church discipline prohibiting you from communion. The baptized children of such saints are also welcome, so long as it does not conflict with the position of the elders under whom they serve.

Confession for Receiving the Lord's Supper

- I believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inerrant Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation.
- I confess that because of my sinfulness, I cannot save myself, so therefore, I humble myself, and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for my salvation.
- I acknowledge Jesus Christ as my sovereign Lord, and I do promise, in reliance on the grace of God, to serve Him with all that is in me, to forsake the world, to mortify the deeds of the flesh, and to lead a godly life.
- I agree to submit in the Lord to the government of His Church, and in case I am found delinquent in doctrine or practice, to heed its discipline.

For those who will be regularly attending our worship services, but who are not yet members, you are welcome to join us at the Table for a period of six months provided you agree and consent to the above provisions. After six months, you will be asked to move toward church membership or cease partaking of the Table. If you should have any questions regarding these matters, please feel free to contact one of the elders. Thank you for your cooperation.

Covenant Renewal Worship

* Indicates the congregation will stand. *Please sing the final verse of every song in unison.*

Preparation For Worship

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE ***When Morning Gilds the Skies***

MEDITATION ***Preludio***

1 Peter 2:1-5 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, **you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house**, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

INTROIT ***Psalm 100***

Words: Taken from The Book of Psalms for Singing

Music: OLD 100TH, Genevan Psalter, 1551
attr. to Louis Bourgeois



God Calls His People to Worship

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:

This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PRAYER

* Psalm 96

Words: Taken from The Book of Psalms for Singing,
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Music: CORONATION Oliver Holden, 1765-1844



God Speaks to His People Through His Word

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts.

***READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 12:5-9**

Minister: But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee. Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes. For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 3:7-17**

Minister: So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Words: John Whittier 1807-1892

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918



God Calls His People to Confession and Repentance

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

We invite those who are able to kneel for the prayer of confession.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: The scripture says, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Therefore, let us draw near to Him now confessing our sins seeking Hi forgiveness.

All: Merciful God, Who alone can forgive sin, and Who alone will judge all sinners, we come to You in humility and fear confessing You owe us nothing. You have given us much favor of which we do not deserve, and yet we still sin and fall short of Your glory day after day. We ask that You forgive us for not loving You as we ought, and forgive us for not loving our neighbor as ourselves. We have been proud, angry without cause, we harbor resentment and bitterness, and speak evil about our neighbor behind his back. We have not lived as Godly husbands exhibiting the love of Christ, or reverent submissive wives in testifying the gratitude and new creation of the Church. Please forgive us of these and all our sins. Cleanse us in the blood of Christ and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Remain kneeling in silent prayer until the minister raises you up for the assurance of pardon.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:8-13

Minister: Now hear the Word of the Lord,

"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him."

As we look unto Christ, know that He forgives our sins and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregation may be seated.

PASTORAL PRAYER

As the Church is the fulfillment of the Temple, God calls us His "house of prayer." God invites us before His throne to hear our petitions for our needs, the needs of others, the world and His Kingdom.

* *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Words: F.S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917 Music: ENGLAND'S LANE Geoffrey Shaw 1879-1943



We Offer Ourselves to God in our Tithes and Offerings

Minister: Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)

People: With thankfulness, we give in gratitude and joy.

OFFERTORY ***Psalm 23***

God Ministers to Us in His Word Proclaimed

God gives us grace and strengthens our faith through the ministry of the Word and sacrament. Grace is conveyed to the recipients through the work of the Holy Spirit to those who believe their truths.

***READING OF THE SERMON TEXT Ephesians 2:19-22**

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MESSAGE: ***Living in Oneness in God's Sanctuary***

God Communes with His People at the Feast

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous professions of their fealty to Him.

THE INVITATION AND FENCING OF THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: All glory to You, our heavenly Father, for when the fullness of time was come, You sent forth Your only Son, Jesus Christ, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem us through the sacrifice of His body, and the shedding of His blood, on the cross. Lord, we confess we are unworthy guests at Your Table, and yet You have clothed us in the robe of Christ's righteousness, and washed us in His blood and made us, in Him, fit to come.

Take now, from Your creation, this bread and wine, and send Your Holy Spirit to communicate to us the presence of Your Son; Who on the night He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." Amen.

And now, Holy Father, along with the saints through the ages, hear our profession.

All: (The Apostles Creed) **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen!

*** The term "catholic" means "universal"**

THE SURSUM CORDA (Lamentations 3:41)

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is good and right to do so.

All: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the Angels, the Archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

**standing*



CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD

Minister: The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

People: For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

Agnus Dei



Nearer Still Nearer

Words: Leila N. Morris, 1862-1929

Music: MORRIS Leila N. Morris, 1862-1929



CONSECRATION OF THE CUP

Minister: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16)

People: For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore, let us keep the feast. (1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

Words: Samuel Medley, 1775
Refrain: Anonymous

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Music: SHOUT ON
American Folk Hymn, 19th cent.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

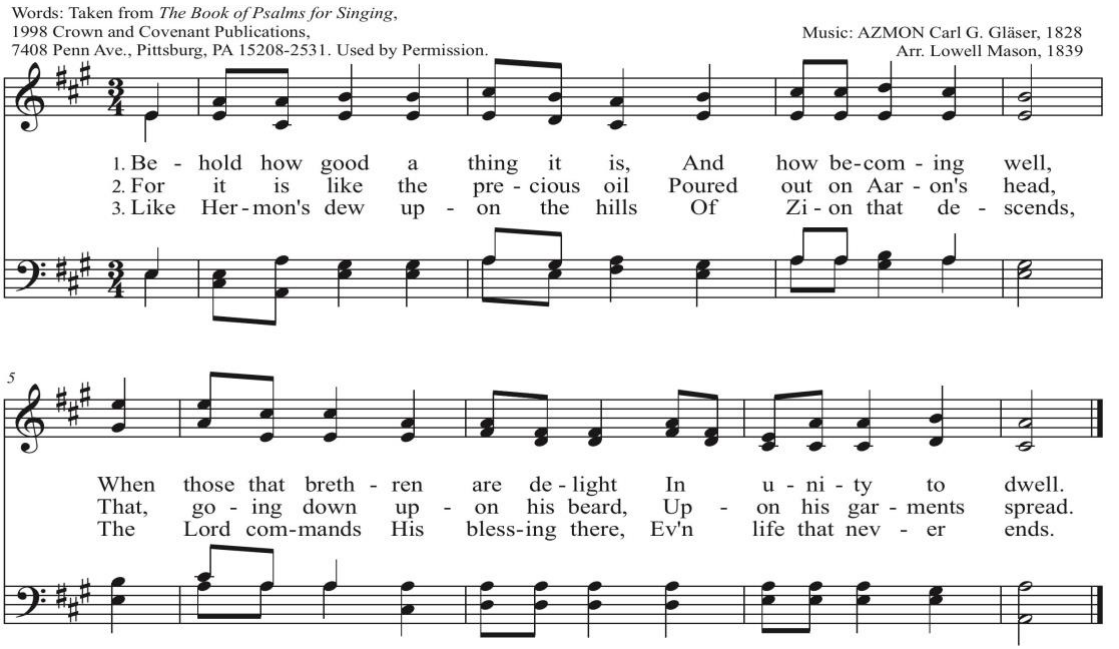
All: Gracious God, we thank You for the love that brings us food from heaven, gives us the life of Your dear Son, and assures us that we belong to the company of all His faithful people in heaven and on earth. Grant us new resolve to build up our neighbor with our words and kindness. Grant us to be people who are honest and true – people who live sincerely with integrity. Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship and by the power of His Holy Spirit, we may continue His work in the world, until we come to the glory of Your eternal kingdom, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

God Sends His People Out With His Blessing

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God blesses His people and sends them into the world to show His light in the darkness.

***BENEDICTION 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

Minister: Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.



Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Psalm 133*

2026 Financial Statement

Report Date: 10/17/2026
Lord's Days (YTD): 41
Budget (YTD): $328,000

Account Balances

General Fund	$15,491
Diaconal Fund	$12,057
Young Men's Venture	$4,067
Organ Installation	$32,389
Building Fund	$37,402

Benevolence Donation (YTD): $3,404
Missions Donation (YTD): $2,990
Budget Over (Under): $37,736

Giving Totals (YTD)

Missions Offering	$0
Benevolence Offering	$1,951
Building Fund Offering	$82,226
Thank Offering	$1,092
Total Offering	***$85,269***
Tithe	***$365,736***

This Week at Heritage

Today
2:00pm – L&C Rehearsal

Monday
5:30pm – Singing on the Square

Tuesday
8:00am – Co-Op Classes
9:15am – Cantus Choir

Wednesday
4:45pm – Bell Rehearsal
5:15pm – Choir Dinner
6:30pm – L&C Rehearsal

Thursday
7:00pm – Musicians' Rehearsal

Next Lord's Day
5:00pm – All Saints' Day Service (Cemetery)

Heritage Church

A Congregation of the Covenant Presbyterian Church
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Lord's Day Stated Services
9:30am – Matins Prayer Service
10:30am – Covenant Renewal Worship Service
2:00pm –Teaching Time

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