

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess Him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Mighty and mysterious in the highest height,
God from everlasting, very light of light:
In the Father's bosom with the Spirit blest,
Love, in love eternal, rest, in perfect rest.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom He came,
faithfully He bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death He passed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 18th – Young Person's Book Study – W&R Hurd – 3pm
Sept 24th – 4th Annual St Michael's Ball
Grace First Presbyterian Church
606 Mockingbird Lane, Weatherford, TX
Sept 25th – 4th Sunday Prayer Service
Oct 21-23rd – Tres Rios Camp (tentative)
Dec 5th – Weatherford College Community Choir Messiah
Dec – Lessons & Carols (TBA)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUEST – PRAY FOR...

- _____ – God's continued blessing as they blend their families
- _____ healing from cancer
- _____ – continued fight with cancer
- _____ – strength and health
- Expecting mothers –Kelli Latham (9/28), Melissa Husted (11/15), Amber Harshbarger (10/15) & Shannon Paul (10/15)
- _____ to conceive
- Economic stability, providence, and blessings for all our families
 - For those who work hourly and salary for employers: stability in their positions
 - For those who are self-employed: that they secure jobs and work
 - For those on fixed income: that their income remain sufficient for their needs
- Our young men to faithfully equip themselves to be godly husbands – “He who finds a wife finds a good thing.” Proverbs 18:22
- Our young men to find direction post-graduation – Daniel & Ethan Mayfield, Clarke & Evan Hurd, Paul Adkisson, Ben Pelton
- Christine as she considers a new job and going back to school
- HCC Elders and Deacons, Pastor Hurd, Brent Husted, Jack Adkisson
- HCC outreach in the community; both wisdom in our ministry and for God to call others to minister along side with us
- St David's Church, Christ Covenant, Grace Covenant, All Saints, St Peter, our friends at Providence REC & St Francis, and all the CREC Churches
- Foreign Ministers and ministries: Blake Purcell, Ralph Smith, Tim Osterlund
- Our soldiers across the world, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heritage Covenant Church believes that the Bible is God's holy and infallible word and that it is the only rule of faith and life. It is upon this Book that we strive to build our lives, families, and worship. We affirm the Bible to be accurate not only in matters of doctrine but also in history. Therefore, we believe in the literal 24-hour 6-day creation of the world by God, a young earth and a worldwide flood. The doctrines and convictions of HCC are based on historic Protestant orthodoxy as best summarized in the historic Christian creeds and the Reformed confessions.

“MAY I COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE?”

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day at Heritage Covenant Church. We warmly invite to the Lord's table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being active in a congregation which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and Sacrament. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to the elders before or after the service.

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THE LORD'S DAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



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PRELUDE: At the Name of Jesus

***CALL TO COVENANT RENEWAL**

Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
Give to the Lord glory and strength.

Give to the Lord the glory due His name;

Bring an offering, and come before Him.

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Tremble before Him, all the earth.

The world also is firmly established,

It shall not be moved.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

And let them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.”

Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it.

Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice before the Lord,

For He is coming to judge the earth. (1 Chron 16:28-33)

In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Amen!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Thanks be to God!

Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

***PASTORAL PRAYER**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***HYMN 322** – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a humble heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

ψ Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

And in whose spirit there is no deceit. Psalm 32:2

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Psalm 32:5

Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins and imploring your mercy and forgiveness.

I confess that I have sinned against You. I have broken Your commandments.

I have fallen short of Your glory. I have not loved You with all my heart, mind, soul

and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I was born in sin and have

continued to sin. I acknowledge my guilt. I rightly fall under Your curse and

judgment.

Silent personal confession

Blot out my transgressions, I pray. Wash me from my iniquities and deliver me from bloodguiltiness. Forgive my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Now lift up your heads and hear the good news! God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us. He has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins.**

Therefore, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

***DOXOLOGY**

*** Denotes congregation to stand**

ψ Denotes kneeling if able

***MINISTRY OF GOD'S LAW FROM THE EPISTLES**

And God spoke all these words, saying:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. *(Ex 20:3)*

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! *(Rom 11:36)*

You shall not make for yourself an idol. *(Ex 20:4)*

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible

God, the firstborn over all creation. *(Col 1:14)*

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name. *(Ex 20:7)*

Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess His name. *(Heb 13:15)*

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. *(Ex 20:8)*

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. *(Col 3:16)*

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. *(Ex 20:12)*

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. *(Eph 6:1)*

You shall not murder. *(Ex 20:13)*

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. *(Eph 4:32)*

You shall not commit adultery. *(Ex 20:14)*

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. *(1 Cor 6:19)*

You shall not steal. *(Ex 20:15)*

He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his hands, so that he may have something to share with those in need.

(Eph 4:28)

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *(Ex 20:16)*

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. *(Eph 4:15)*

You shall not covet your neighbor's house or anything that belongs to your neighbor. *(Ex 20:17)*

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. *(Phil 4:11)*

***OUR CHRISTIAN CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Christian, what do you believe?

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead

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

EPISTLE READING – 2 Corinthians 3:4-8

HYMN 320 – O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair!

GOSPEL READING – St Mark 7:31-37

***HYMN 315** – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD

HYMN 98 – May God Be Merciful and Bless Us

MINISTRY OF HELPS – Receiving Tithes and Offerings

***GLORIA PATRI**

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Most Holy and Almighty God, we pray for your favor and watch care for our families. Establish the fathers firm in the Christian faith, the mothers in the joy of being helpers to their husbands, and the children in godliness through obedience. Guide and protect those yet married that they may frame their family with purity and fidelity. May our homes be a center of love and Christian education and an outreach to our community.

We pray for your Church both local and universal. May she be firmly established upon the foundation of Your most Holy and true word, proclaiming and defending Your gospel message to all peoples, and demonstrating life changing faith.

We pray for our nation. We pray that you would cause your Holy Spirit to move across our nation, turning the hearts of the people back to you. We pray for your favor and wisdom upon our President, the Congress of the United States, the Governor of Texas, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Amen.

***HYMN 267** – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you!

Lift up your hearts to the Lord.

We lift them up to the Lord!

MINISTRY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***HYMN 311** – Jesus Shall Reign

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

CLOSING PRAYER