

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORP /WA/  
Form 8-K  
February 01, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 1, 2012

**HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**WASHINGTON**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-29480**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**91-1857900**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**201 Fifth Avenue S.W.**

**Olympia WA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (360) 943-1500**

**98501**  
(Zip Code)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On February 1, 2012, Heritage Financial Corporation ( Heritage ) issued its earnings release announcing its operating results for year to date and fourth quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS**

On February 1, 2012, Heritage Financial Corporation ( Heritage ) issued a press release announcing a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.06. The dividend will be paid on February 24, 2012, to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 10, 2012. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits:

The following exhibit is being filed herewith and this list shall constitute the exhibit index:

- 99.1 Press Release dated February 1, 2012 announcing year to date and fourth quarter ended December 31, 2011 financial results and quarterly cash dividend.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: **/S/ BRIAN L. VANCE**  
**Brian L. Vance**

**President and Chief Executive Officer**

Dated: February 1, 2012