

## SERMON NOTES



# HERITAGE

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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### **Welcome to Heritage Church!**

We're glad you've come to worship with us! We hope you will experience a warm welcome as we worship God together and embrace the truth of Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. We are glad to have you with us and look forward to welcoming you back again soon.

If you would like to know more about what it means to become a follower of Jesus Christ, we encourage you to talk with our pastor or pick up the "Two Ways to Live" pamphlet at the information Center or available at [twowaystolive.com](http://twowaystolive.com)

To learn more about Heritage, check out our website or consider attending a class designed to introduce you to who we are and why we are here. Please email us at [churchoffice@heritagecrc.org](mailto:churchoffice@heritagecrc.org) or call the church office to let us know of your interest.

### **Our Mission**

To introduce people to Jesus Christ,  
to help them grow to be more like Him,  
and then to reproduce the process in others.

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Sunday, December 15, 2024  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

Preparation for Worship

*“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.”* Psalm 62:8

Prelude: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”,  
“How Lovely Shine the Morning Star”

### ***WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD***

\*The Call to Worship

\*God’s Greeting

\*Songs of Praise

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Green 279

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* Green 271

Lighting of the Advent Candle

An Advent Prayer

Song

*O Come, O come, Immanuel* Gray 328:1,2,4,6

### ***WE CELEBRATE REDEMPTION***

A Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Our Profession of Faith ~ The Apostles’ Creed

Song of Response

*What Can I Give Him* Screens

*Away in a Manger* Gray 349

### ***GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD***

Advent ~ The Return of the King

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 1037)

Sermon **“Be Faithful: Stewarding His Gifts”**

Prayer of Application

### ***WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD***

\*Song

*Be Thou My Vision*

Screens

Prayers of the People

Heritage Happenings

Tithes - General Fund & Faith Promise

Offerings - World Renew

*If you are a visitor with us please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering but free to do so. Please take a few moments to complete the Connection Card and place it in the offering basket located by the sanctuary doors.*

### ***WE GO OUT WITH NEW HOPE***

\*The Benediction

\*Doxology

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Gray 345:1,3

Postlude

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\*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit

***Bold italicized text*** is read together by the congregation and plain text by the leader. Most songs are found in the hymnals and all of the words will be on the front screens.