

## 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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## **The Light of the World**

Candlelight Service ~ December 18, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

\*Song

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Gray 340:1,3,4

### **GOD CREATES LIGHT**

Text: Genesis 1:1-5

Song of Reflection

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Gray 329

### **GOD IS LIGHT**

Text: 2 Chronicles 7:1-5

*Special Music ~ Once in Royal David's City*

### **GOD SENDS HIS LIGHT TO THE NATIONS**

Text: Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

*Special Music ~ He Shall Feed His Flock*

### **JESUS COMES AS THE LIGHT**

Text: John 1:1-5;8:12

Song of Reflection

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Gray 345

### **WE PREFER DARKNESS**

Text: John 3:16-21

*Special Music ~ Away in a Manger*

### **JESUS DESCENDS INTO DARKNESS**

Text: Matthew 27:45-50

Song of Reflection

*Joy to the World*

Gray 337

Professing Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

A Time of Prayer

*Special Music ~ The First Noel*

### **THE LIGHT OF HEAVEN**

Text: Revelation 21:1-2, 22-25

Lighting of the Candles

*"To prevent dripping, keep lit candle vertical. Hold unlit candle horizontally to approach lit candle."*

Song of Reflection

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

Gray 344

Benediction

Postlude

Special Music Arranged by Brad Smith

Brad Smith - Oboe/English Horn

Wendy Rose - Bassoon

Helen Lukan - Piano

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