

Heritage CRC

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:@ 9:30 AM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Thursday by 9:00 am. Call,
leave a note, or e-mail to
churchoffice@heritagecrc.org.

OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8:15 am —1:00 pm
Thursday: 8:15 am —12:15 pm

Connecting with our Community

Please continue to reach out via phone or e-mail to our church community.



Find us on Facebook @ Heritage Christian Reformed Church.
Look up our website at www.heritagecrc.org for past sermons and our weekly newsletter and more!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			22	23	24	25
					6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9:30 am Pastor Simon "To Every Longing Heart" Luke 2:8-20, Matthew 11:28-29						2022
2 Communion Sunday	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30 am Pastor Simon "In the Shadow of the Almighty" Psalm 91		9:30 am Coffee Break	8 am Men's Bible Study			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30 am Pastor Simon "The Power of Promise: From a Family to a Nation" Exodus 1:1-22		7 pm Admin Board		9:30 am GROW Group		

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HAPPENINGS

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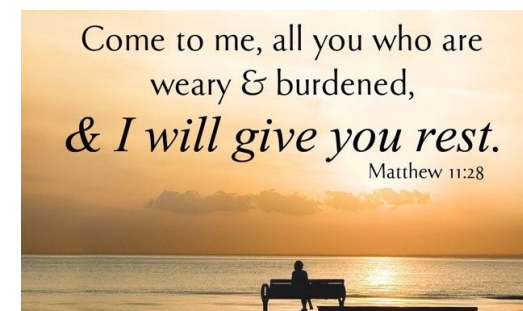
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What's up in Worship

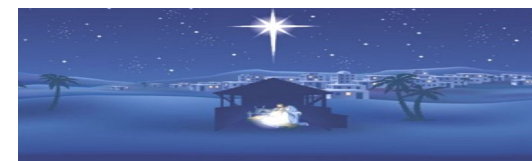
Advent Sermon Series: The Weary World Rejoices ~

For the church, the Christian calendar year begins with the season of Advent - a time of celebrating the first coming of Jesus while anticipating his return. Join us this Advent as we fix our focus on the promises in Isaiah and the hope, peace, love and joy Christ brings to a weary world. This Sunday's sermon title: "To Every Longing Heart", Luke 2:8-20, Matthew 11:28-29.



Candlelight Service ~ Join us on Friday, December 24 at 6:30 pm for our annual Candlelight Service.

Through the singing of carols and the lighting of candles we will journey together to Bethlehem and rejoice in all we have seen and heard. Come and celebrate the coming of Jesus as the light of the world.



Office Hours: Pastor Simon will be working off-site next week Monday-Thursday (December 27-30) so that he and his family are able to spend a few days with family in Ontario.

Celebrations...

Birthdays...

Amanda Miller ~ December 29
Matthew Carlisle ~ December 31

happy birthday!

thank you

As we celebrate the gift of Christ, we are reminded of the gift of your love, kindness and encouragement shown to us in various ways over the past year and in this Christmas season. May you know the hope, peace, joy and love of God in Christ this Christmas and in the New Year. Merry Christmas! ~Pastor Simon, Heather, Connor and Ian

A Big Thank You for all the Christmas cards and the delicious looking cookies that you showered the Shut-Ins with. Also thank you to those who helped deliver them. It was very much appreciated!! Teri Wagner

Thank you to our wonderful Heritage family for your prayers and concerns during my health concerns. I am doing alright and will be seeing a neurologist in the near future. A special thank you to Pastor Simon for his visit and for reading scripture and praying with Ernie and me. That meant so much! Thanks so much to each of you for your caring ways! I can see God in each of you! Thank you for letting your light shine! We pray that each of you will have a wonderful, blessed Christmas. Love, peace and joy from Donnie Waterhouse.

Council News

December 31, 2021 marks the end of the year for financial gifts that will be included in the 2021 summary of tithes and offerings to Heritage Church. All contributions received and deposited after January 1, 2022 will be included on your summary for 2022. In January, the deacons will place this summary in the mailbox of each member for whom a report is available. Questions? Please contact one of the deacons.

Health Precautions: As we enter the Winter months, we encourage everyone to practice caution for the sake of everyone’s health. If you have been in contact with someone who presents COVID-19 symptoms or if you display any of the symptoms, please stay home. Hand sanitizer is available at the Information Center in the lobby. Each individual is welcome to wear a mask if that makes them most comfortable. If you prefer to sit further apart from others in the sanctuary, extra space is available in the side sections. ~ from the Administrative Board

Sunday Worship

Exodus: God of Grace and God of Glory ~ The book of Exodus is the story of what it means to be redeemed by God, to live with God and to worship God alone. Exodus shows us how God formed a people for Himself and how their rescue from slavery points us to Christ who set us free from sin and calls us to walk with a holy God. Join us on January 9 as Pastor Simon begins a sermon series on the book of Exodus.

Video Recording

A video recording of the morning worship service will be posted to our church YouTube page either on Sunday or Monday. Here is the link to our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCutET663hVzpPohBMiCXEQA>. If you haven’t already done so, be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the notification bell to receive updates whenever a new video becomes available.

Offering Schedule

- Dec. 26 General Fund & Building Fund
Loose Change: Forgotten Man Ministries
- Jan. 2 General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance
Loose Change: Rehoboth Chr. School
- Jan. 9 General Fund & Ministry Shares
Loose Change: Luke Society
- Jan. 16 General Fund & Faith Promise
Loose Change: Kal. Christian Schools

Offerings (deposited for December 19, 2021)

- Building Fund ~ \$600.00
- Christian Ed. Assistance ~ \$25.00
- Faith Promise ~ \$271.00
- General Fund ~ \$5,735.00
- Kalamazoo Christian ~ \$97.00
- KGM Women’s Shelter ~ \$100.00



Severe Weather Cancellation: In the event of severe weather and Sunday services are cancelled, closing information will be posted on Channel 3 WWMT as well as WOODTV 8 at least 1-hour prior to the worship service start time. You can also sign up to receive text or email alerts from Channel 3, WWMT. Go to WWMT website. Click on School/ Business/Church Closing Alerts. Then sign up to receive texts on your phone or email alerts for Heritage Christian Reformed Church.



Food Pantry at Voyage Church: Over the past several years, Heritage Church came alongside Voyage Church to operate a Food Pantry through Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes. Along with regular food donations, volunteers from Heritage helped staff the pantry and equipment was donated to help assist the ministry. Due to a significant decline of use by the community and the director of the food pantry stepping down from the position, Voyage Church has decided to close the food pantry. We are grateful to have been a part of this ministry and trust the Lord will guide us to other opportunities to serve those in need in our community.

ReFrame Ministries

Christmas: Jesus Has Changed Everything! - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Advent is about waiting for the Messiah to come. Do you ever wonder if Jesus eagerly awaited his appointed time to arrive? Did our rescuer see the hurt in the world and long to save us? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content, including The Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and the KC parent blog too.

Groundwork: Christmas Hope: Mary and Christ’s Birth - Discover a God and a Savior who does not move away from our sin and pain, but draws close and redefines righteousness. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 1:15-25, Galatians 4:4-7, and Ephesians 3:17b-19 to study the true wonder of Christmas and find comfort in God’s grace and great love through Mary’s story. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

Southern U.S. Tornado Response - **World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS)** is working with our partners and other disaster organizations to plan a response to the devastating tornadoes that hit six states in the southern U.S. on Friday, Dec. 11, 2021. Please pray for those who have lost loved ones and possessions. To volunteer with DRS in this and other responses, email cgibson@worldrenew.net. To give online for Dec. 11 tornado response, click Donate at worldrenew.net, call 800-552-7972.

Family Faith Formation Tip

Read Luke 10:38-42 and ponder or discuss the following question.

What do you think Jesus meant by saying “Few things are needed—or indeed only one”?

crcna.org/faithpracticesproject



Volunteer Schedule...

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY:
Glen Wagner/Judy Fletcher

PRAYER EMAIL MINISTRY:
prayerline@heritagecrc.org

Service Ministry:
Judy Wieringa/Kathy VanderMeer

MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY:
Dec. 24 - Gary Broekhuizen
Dec. 26 - Gary Broekhuizen
Jan. 2 - Lisa Durian
Jan. 9 - LillieAnn Durian

Coffee Servers:
Dec. 26 & Jan. 2 John & Kim Bruinwood
Judy Wieringa & Heather Tuin

Jan. 9 & 16 Mike & Cheri Gavin
Dave & Kathy VanderMeer