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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 <u>twowaystolive.com</u>

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 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.

Sunday, December 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

#### Preparation for Worship

"They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." Isaiah 35:10

Prelude

# WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*The Call to Worship	
*God's Greeting	
*Songs of Praise	
How High and How Wide	Screens
Let's Worship and Adore Him	Green 247

Lighting of the Advent Candle An Advent Prayer Song *Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes* Gray 335

#### WE CELEBRATE REDEMPTION

A Call to Confession Prayer of Confession Assurance of Pardon Our Profession of Faith~Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 14 Song of Response Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me Screens

### GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Advent ~ The Return of the King Scripture Matthew 25:1-13 (p. 1037) Sermon "**Be Wise: When the Wait Is Long**" Prayer of Application

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Song

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Gray 333

Prayers of the People Heritage Happenings

Tithes - General Fund & Ministry Shares Offerings - Kalamazoo Christian Schools

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 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 

Gray 340:1,2,3

Postlude

\*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.