

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

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 31, 2023

Preparation for Worship

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.” Luke 1:68

Prelude: “Bethlehem” , “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*The Call to Worship

Leader: The light shines in the darkness,

All: *but the darkness has not overcome it.*

Leader: He came to that which was his own,

All: *but his own did not receive him.*

Leader: Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name,

All: *he gave the right to become children of God.*

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

All: *We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.* (John 1:5, 11-12,14)

*Song of Worship

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come Gray 337

*God’s Greeting

*Song of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High Gray 347

WE CELEBRATE REDEMPTION

A Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song

What Can I Give Him Screens

Assurance of Pardon

Our Profession of Faith - The Nicene Creed

Song of Response

In Christ Alone Screens

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Luke 2:22-40 (p. 1072)

Sermon “**Amazing Message of Love**”

Guest Pastor: Rev. Michael Vandenberg

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Song

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Gray 568

Prayers of the People

Heritage Happenings

Tithes - General Fund

Offerings - Park Village Pines

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 with Congregational **Amen!**

*Doxology

Glory to God Gray 214

Postlude: “Glory to God on High”

*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.