

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 17, 2023

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

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*The Call to Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty Gray 249:1,2,3,5

*God’s Greeting

*Song of Praise

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Gray 353

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: In Advent, we are in a time of waiting. Like the Israelites who wandered through the wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages.

All: We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing “Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

Leader: We wait for the day when everlasting joy will be on each of us.

All: We light this candle in Joy as we remember the One who came to make our joy complete and one day He will come again.

An Advent Prayer

Song

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding Gray 332:1,2,3,4

WE CELEBRATE REDEMPTION

A Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Our Profession of Faith - HC, Lord’s Day 11

Song of Response

Turn Your Eyes Screens

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Advent: Prepare Him Room

Scripture Micah 5:1-5a (p. 973)

Sermon **“God’s Promise: It Will Happen in Bethlehem”**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Song

Once in Royal David’s City Gray 346

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 with Congregational Amen!

*Doxology

Angels We Have Heard on High Gray 347:1,3

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.