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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 24, 2023

### Preparation for Worship

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14

#### Prelude

#### WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

\*The Call to Worship

Angels From the Realms of Glory Gray 354:1,2,4

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise

O Come, O Come, Immanuel Gray 328:1,2,5

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Scripture tells us "There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear."

All: God created this world in love and this world will end in the love of God.

Leader: God's love pervades all aspects of this life. From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to friends, God's love is there through Jesus.

All: We light this candle in Love as we remember the love that drives away our fear has come and one day He will come again.

An Advent Prayer Song

Love Has Come Green 256

Green 293

## WE CELEBRATE REDEMPTION

A Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Our Profession of Faith - HC, Lord's Day 14
Song of Response
Praise the One Who Breaks the Dawn

#### GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Advent: Prepare Him Room

Scripture Isaiah 42:1-9 (p. 758)

Sermon "God's Promise: Salvation Will Come

**Through My Servant**"

**Prayer of Application** 

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Song

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Gray 356

Prayers of the People Heritage Happenings

Tithes - General Fund & Building Fund Offerings - Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Gray 345

Postlude

**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.

<sup>\*</sup>You are invited to stand in body or in spirit