

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**December 24, 2023**

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: With the birth of Christ, salvation has drawn near.  
The God who ordered the chaos of the universe has come down into the chaos of our world.

**All: *The Word which was with God at the beginning came down and lived with us.***

Leader: While we were yet living in the valley of the shadow of death, the light of new life burst forth.

**All: *We light this candle for Christ as we celebrate the One who has come and anticipate the day when He will make all things new.***

\*Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful Gray 340:1,2,3

## WAITING FOR THE MESSIAH

Introduction to "Let's God to Bethlehem!"

Ministry of Music *Once in Royal David's City*

Pointing the way...Adam & Eve

Reading of Matthew 1:21-23

Song **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus** Gray 329

Pointing the way...Abraham, Sarah, Jacob and David

Reading of Luke 1:32-33, 68-73a

Ministry of Music *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

Pointing the way...Zechariah and Elizabeth

Reading of Luke 1:67, 76-79

Song **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly** Gray 353

Pointing the way...The angel of Gabriel and Mary

Reading of Luke 1:26-32, 34-35, 38

Ministry of Music *The First Noel*

Pointing the way...Joseph obeys God

Reading of Matthew 1:20-21, 24

Pointing the way...Caesar Augustus and the Census

Reading of Luke 2:7

Ministry of Music *What Child Is This* - Helen Lukan

Reading of Luke 2:8-12

Pointing the way...the Angels and the Shepherds

Song **Angels We Have Heard on High** Gray 347

The Good News of Bethlehem'

Reading of Luke 2:16-20

Song **Joy to the World** Gray 337:1,2,3

A Christmas Prayer

A Christmas Profession

Lighting of the Candles

**To prevent dripping, keep lit candle vertical.  
Hold unlit candles horizontally to approach lit candles.**

Song **Silent Night, Holy Night** Gray 344

Blessing

Postlude: "In Dulci Jubilo"

\*You are invited to stand in body or in spirit