

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 3, 2023

Preparation for Worship

“A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.”

Isaiah 40:3

Prelude

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*The Call to Worship

Meekness and Majesty

Screens

*God's Greeting

*Song of Worship

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Gray 331

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: We put our hope in the One to come, the Promised One who comes from God to bring good news of salvation.

All: We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD.

Leader: We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.

All: We light this candle in Hope as we look for the One who will come again.

An Advent Prayer

Song

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Gray 329

Prayers of the People

Heritage Happenings

Tithes & Offering

Tithes - General Fund & Christian Ed. Assistance

Offering - Hospice Care of SW Michigan

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 baskets located at the doors as you exit the sanctuary.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Advent: Prepare Him Room

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7 (pg. 722)

Sermon **“God's Promise: The Hope of a Child”**

Prayer of Application

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

The Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

The Communion

The Bread *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Gray 342:1-4

The Cup *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Gray 351

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO OUT WITH NEW HOPE

*The Benediction

*Doxology

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Gray 345:1,2

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.