



# Seventh Reformed Church

**December 22, 2024**

*Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine!*

Motto Text: Isaiah 43:1b

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## Morning Service 9:45 a.m.

### Invitation to Worship

#### Confession That God Is Our Help

**SH** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks at Night*, vv 1–4

**Old Testament Reading:** Exod. 30:22–31:11, p. 90

**Prayer for Blessing and the Lord's Prayer**

**A Greeting from God and Response:** *Doxology*

**Law of God and Summary of the Law**

### Exhortation to Self-Examination

#### Pastoral Prayer

**Response LH 105** *As with Gladness Men of Old*, v. 4

### Children's Message

**SH** *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

**Sermon:** *The Birth of the Messiah (Matthew)*

Matthew 1:18–2:23, p. 1,026

**Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God**

**LH 81** *Angels from the Realms of Glory*, vv. 1–3, 5

#### Parting Blessing from God

**Response LH 92** *Joy to the World*, v. 1

Preacher: Pastor Paul van Engelenhoven

Accompanist: Ms. Kris De Koster

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Welcome!

**Seventh Reformed Church** is a covenant community of God's people that exists to glorify God by gathering, nurturing, and equipping believers according to the supreme Word of God for life in the Spirit, Christian service, and witness to Jesus Christ in Grand Rapids and throughout the world.

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## Morning Notes

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*The Birth of the Messiah (Matthew)*

Matthew 1:18–2:23

Introduction: The Introduction of the Messiah.

1. Jesus (1:21)

2. Immanuel (1:23)

3. The King of the Jews (2:2)

4. The Shepherd of Israel (2:6)

5. God's Son (2:15)

Application