

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Led by the Holy Spirit, LaGrave's members seek to worship and serve God in all of life, transforming His world and being transformed to reflect the character of Christ.

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below, noting that we use *two* different red hymnals. The *Worship & Rejoice* hymnal will be indicated by bold, italic type. An asterisk (*) denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

WORSHIP 4:00 PM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

The Prelude:

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

David Cherwien, J. Wayne Kerr

“The Friendly Beasts”

J. Wayne Kerr

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship:

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

On those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders.

His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 61:1,2,4,7

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

HOW BIG IS HIS KINGDOM?

THE OLD, OLD STORY

Jesus Christ is born!

Narrator: Bella Redder

Readers: Simon Speulstra, Ben Gates

Mary: Penny Redder

Joseph: Jude Scholten

Shepherds: Hanna VandeGriend, Madison Kuiper,
Collins Veldkamp

Angel: Evelyn Bolkema

Song: “He is Born”

arr. Trevor Manor

Refrain: He is born the divine Christ Child; play on the flute and the bagpipes merrily! He is born the divine Christ Child; sing we all of the Savior's birth.

Though long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming; through long ages of the past; now the time has come at last! (Refrain)

*In a stable he was born; in a manger was his cradle.
In a stable he was born, humble Babe of Bethlehem.*

*Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heavenly peace. (Refrain)*

JESUS, THE LORD OF HISTORY

Anna and Simeon tell us of God's faithfulness

Narrator: Bella Redder

Anna: Taylor Cole

Simeon: Avery Hollebeek

Song: “Come, Lord Jesus”

Come, Lord Jesus. (3x)

Come and be born in our hearts.

Come, O Prince of Peace . . . (3x)

Our hearts are open . . . (3x)

Come, Immanuel . . . (3x)

JESUS, THE LORD OF WISDOM

The Magi find true wisdom

Narrator: Bella Redder

Magi One: Bethany Klop

Magi Two: Ellie Scholma

Magi Three: Katie Hoeksema

Song: “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright., westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

JESUS, THE LORD OF POWER

Caesar Augustus tells us what he learned

Narrator: Bella Redder

Caesar Augustus: Olivia Ackerman

Song: “O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

O come, let us adore him, (3x)

Christ, the Lord.

We'll praise his name forever, (3x)

Christ, the Lord.

JESUS, THE LORD OF THE SMALL

The Lord of the universe starts with shepherds

Narrator: Bella Redder

Shepherd One: Deacon Broene

Shepherd Two: Owen Broene

Song: “Away in a Manger” Lift Up Your Hearts 86

Vs. 1 – Children

Vs. 2 & 3 – Congregation

JESUS, THE LORD OF YOUR HEART

The conclusion of the matter

Narrator: Bella Redder

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 92

“Joy to the World”

Vs. 1 – Children

Vs. 2-4 – Congregation

The Offertory:

“Away in a Manger”

David Lasky

Today’s Offering is for Camp Tall Turf and the LaGrave General Fund. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund.

(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 93

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Parting Song:

“A Christmas Blessing”

Philip W. J. Stopford

May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the worship of the wise men and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas.

May the Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly, all things heavenly, and fill you with joy and peace.

*And the blessing of God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.*

*The Postlude:

“People, Look East”

J. Wayne Kerr

Special thanks to:

Kristin Ponstein, Emily Redder, Sarah Horton, Sunday School Teachers, Children’s Worship Teachers, and the Fellowship Committee

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Sara Good – organist
Junior Choir, Marcia Pylman – director
Karen Schipper – accompanist
Laura Schipper – flute
Christina Leigh Stephenson – cello
Rachel Vogel – handbells
Debra Vogel – tone drum
Bradley Buter – opening hymn soloist
Jonathah Bouwman – anthem soloist
Jess Hollenbach – Children’s Choir director
Rachel Scholten – pianist
Bella Redder – cover art

The flowers on the chancel are placed in loving memory of **Sandra Ann Duyst** and **Mary Ellen Spring**, precious daughters, sisters, and aunts of **Larry Sr. & Dolores Bos** and the **families of Larry Jr. & Dawn Bos**, and **Laura & Larry VanPopering**. **Dolores** was called home this year, but thanks be to God for the love and joy she brought into each of our lives as a family, wife, and mother. “The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

The December special offering is for Camp Tall Turf. Camp Tall Turf reaches youth and families through camp experiences. CTT instills the biblical message of reconciliation to campers through sessions that are specifically designed to teach children about the value of diversity by creating cross cultural experiences and relationships.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.

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4:00 PM CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

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LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church