

**January 6, 2019**

*Epiphany Candlelight Service*

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below. An asterick (\*) denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

**EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM**

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

The Prelude: “Noel: Grand Jeu et Duo” Louis-Claude Daquin  
“Beautiful Savior” Clay Christiansen

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: “Send Out Your Light and Your Truth” Charles Gounod  
*Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me; oh, let them bring me to your holy hill. Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me; oh, let them bring me to your holy hill.* Psalm 43:3

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 389  
“Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”  
*(The congregation is asked to rise on the last line of the hymn introduction.)*

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-3 (pg. 1157)

The Hymn of Response: Worship & Rejoice 231  
“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

The Gospel Reading: Ephesians 5:8-17 (pg. 1819)

\*The Hymn of Response: Worship & Rejoice 229:1-3,6  
“The First Noel”

The Epiphany Prayer:

Pastor: Let us praise God for the manifestation of the Christ in his mission on earth. Let us praise God for the Magi from the east, who were sent to Bethlehem to teach us to honor him and to offer our gifts.

**People: We praise you, O God.**

Pastor: Let us praise God for the multitudes around the world who are following the light of Christ, and who are glorifying his name in their own customs, cultures and languages.

**People: We praise you, O God.**

Pastor: Let us praise God for the manifestation of Christ in our own time when the thirsty are given something to drink and the hungry are fed.

**People: We praise you, O God.**

Pastor: Let us pray for Christ’s continuing epiphany among all who long for his presence. For your manifestation among all who long for truth and are educated and wise in this world, for those who conduct research and those who teach, for those who study the stars and those who give counsel to kings and rulers,

**People: we seek your grace, O wisdom of God.**

Pastor: For your epiphany among all who are open to your presence in the water and the wine, and especially among those who have seen your star but have not yet heard your name,

**People: we seek your grace, O Savior of the nations.**

Pastor: For your epiphany among all who are suffering for the cause of righteousness, for all who are in prison, for those who are oppressed, and for those who are hungry, thirsty, and homeless,

**People: we seek your grace, O Son of God.**

Pastor: For your manifestation of your glory in the course of our daily lives, in our homes, our schools, our work places, and our facilities for play and entertainment,

**People: we seek your grace, O Lamb of God. In your name, Amen.**

The Anthem:

“There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob” Felix Mendelssohn  
*There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel, with might destroying princes and cities. As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation. Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation; thine be praise and adoration!*  
Numbers 24:17

The Offertory: “Star Carol/We Three Kings of Orient Are”  
Alfred Burt, arr. Jay Rouse

The Offering:

*Today’s offering is for Inner City Christian Federation 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 Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 1501)

The Sermon: **“THE TWO KINGS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 109:1,3,4  
“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

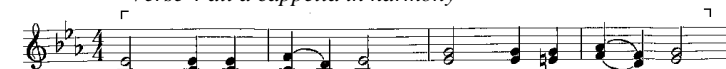
The Lighting Ceremony:

As a symbol of our commitment to follow the Light of the world, we will light individual candles with the light spread from the Christ Candle. Please tip your candle toward the lighted candle that is offered to you. As we hold up our lights we will rise and sing the following verses of *Beautiful Savior*:

\*Verse 1 all in harmony

\*Verse 2 all a cappella in harmony

\*Verse 4 all a cappella in harmony



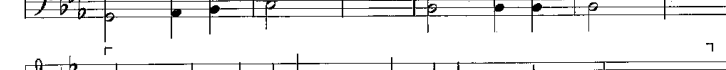
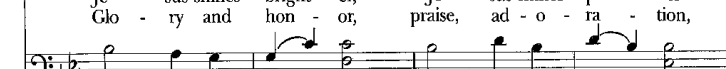
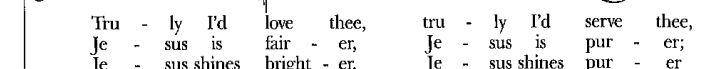
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flowers of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er;  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing,  
than all the an - gels in the sky,  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



\*The Benediction

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

\*The Choral Response

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Edwin C. Johnson

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star;  
Come and worship, come and worship worship Christ,  
the newborn King!

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

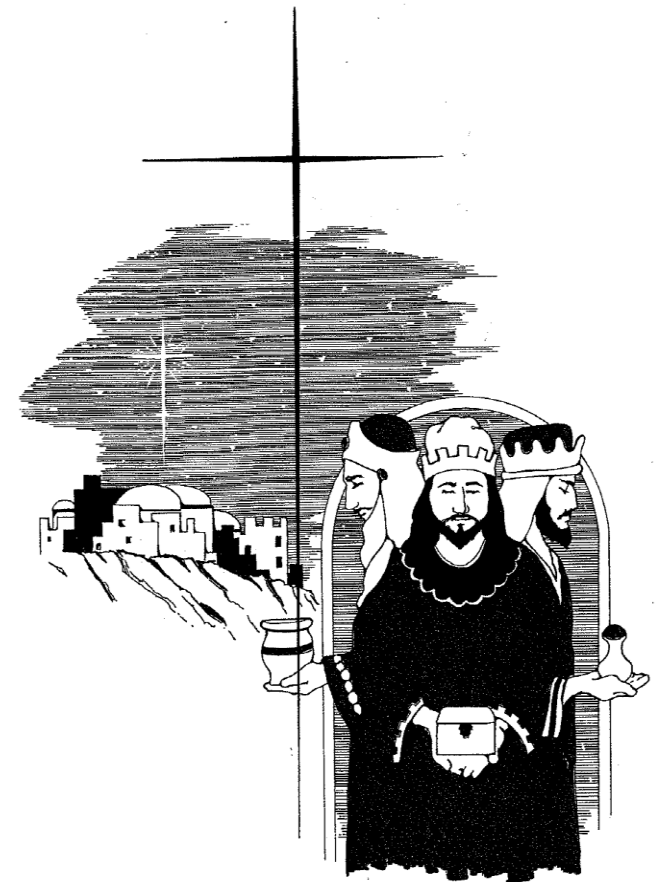
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director

The flowers today are in loving memory of **Jack R. Brouwer** who went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 9, 2014. Remembered with love by his wife, **Ruth**, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**The January special offering** is for Inner City Christian Federation which provides housing opportunities and services that encourage family responsibility and independence, thereby helping to build stable communities. ICCF assists more than 2,200 low-to-moderate income families each year and continues to address the issues of affordable housing in Grand Rapids.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org](http://lagrave.org).



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