

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Family Carol Sing

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.

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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

The Prelude:

“In Dulci Jubilo” (Good Christian Friends, Rejoice)

Norman Dello Joio

“The Holly and the Ivy”

Alec Rowley

“Noel on *Once in Royal David’s City*”

Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Christmas Round”

Dan R. Edwards

For unto us a child is born, for unto us a son is given.

Wonderful, Counselor, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

The Spoken Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:6-7

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 81:1,2,4,5

“Angels from the Realms of 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 Faithfulness of God

The Reading: Luke 1:68-70

The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 61:1,4,5,7

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Verse 1: all sing

Verse 4: men sing

Verse 5: women sing

Verse 7: all sing

The Readings: Hebrews 1:1-13; Matthew 4:12-17

The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 56

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

The Hope of Earth

The Reading: Matthew 1:18-24

*The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 88

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Verse 1: all sing

Verse 2: women sing lines 1-2, men sing lines 3-4

Verse 3: all sing a cappella

Verse 4: all sing

The Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

The Carol: ***Worship & Rejoice 187:1,3***

“O Holy Night”

The Joy of Heaven

The Readings: Job 38:4-7; Luke 2:8-12

*The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 98

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

The Reading: “Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven,”

by Keith and Kristyn Getty

The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 90

“How Great Our Joy”

*(all voices sing verses; west side of sanctuary starts refrain;
east side of sanctuary and balcony only sings echo)*

The Love of Every Nation

The Reading: Luke 2:25-32

The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 17

“Beautiful Savior”

Verse 1: all sing

Verse 2: women sing

Verse 3: men sing

Verse 4: all sing a cappella

The Reading: Revelation 7:9-12

*The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 80

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The Anthem:

“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.*

*Through 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)*

The Peace the World Cannot Give

The Readings: Isaiah 9:6; Luke 19:41-44; John 16:33

The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 85

“Silent Night”

Verse 1: all sing

Verse 2: treble voices in parts

Verse 3: all sing a cappella

The Reading: “A Blessing for the Advent of Peace,”

by Kate Bowler

*The Carol: ***Worship & Rejoice 191***

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

The Light of The Lamb

The Readings: John 8:12; Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 87

“Once in Royal David’s City”

*The Closing Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 76
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Sir David Willcocks

*Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.
Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.*

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Upper Elementary Choir, Renee Vande Wege – director
Jess Hollenbach – pianist

The banners and parament reflect the message from Isaiah 9:6, “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.” In Advent we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus breaks through the world’s darkness with his glory bringing us the light of salvation.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Marianne Stehouwer** in loving memory of her husband, **Charles J. Stehouwer**, who went to glory on 12/4/2012. "Blessed are those who die in the Lord."

The special offering for December is for **Oakdale Neighbors**, a neighborhood development organization providing youth mentoring and advocacy, tax preparation, financial classes and neighborhood business development assistance.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live