

December 11, 2022

*Third Sunday of Advent
Children's Christmas Program*

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.

Children's Christmas Service - 4:00 PM

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

The Prelude:

“Aria (with Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah)”

Michael Burkhardt

“Once in Royal David's City”

Robert Buckley Farlee

“O Come, Little Children”

Diane Bish

“The First Noel”

David Lasky

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*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 86
“Away in a Manger”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

INTRODUCTION

Isaiah: Clara Becksvoort

Song: Lift Up Your Hearts 93:1,3

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Stanza 1 – Children's Chorus

Stanzas 3 – Congregation

THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE

MARY HAS A VISITOR

Isaiah: Clara Becksvoort

Narrator: Norah Hollenbach

Angel: Celine Alcumbrack

The Response:

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Polish Carol

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little

knowing Christ the child is Lord of all. Swift are winging,

angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing;

Christ the child is Lord of all.

BUT YOU, BETHLEHEM

Isaiah: Clara Becksvoort

Narrator: Natalie Oosterhouse

Mary: Mia Elzinga

Joseph: Gavin Ponstein

Innkeeper: Bayler Trathen

The Response:

“He Is Born”

arr. Trevor Manor

He is born the divine Christ Child; Play on the flute and the bagpipes merrily! Sing we all of the Savior's birth.

Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming; now the time has come at last!

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

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THE PRINCE OF PEACE

THE ANGELS VISIT THE SHEPHERDS

Isaiah: Clara Becksvoort

Narrator: Norah Hollenbach

Angel: Celine Alcumbrack

Sheep and Shepherds: The Kindergarten Class

The Response:

“Sing Noel”

Natalie Sleeth

Shepherds, shepherds, hear the story: Christ is born in Bethlehem. Rise and go to see his glory, leave your flock to welcome him!

Refrain: Sing noel, O sing noel, for Christ is born!

Angels, angels, heavenly chorus, Christ has come to earth today! Bright the star that shines before us, pointing clear to all the way! (Refrain)

Wise men, wise men, treasure bringing to the manger bed afar, joyful praises ever singing, follow now the guiding star. (Refrain)

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KINGS SHALL COME TO YOUR DAWN

MAGI VISIT FROM THE EAST

Isaiah: Clara Becksvoort

Narrator: Natalie Oosterhouse

Magi: Isabelle Elenbaas

The Response:

“Star of the East, Bethlehem’s Star”

Greg Gilpin

Star of the East, Bethlehem’s star, guiding each one of us from afar. Your rays are peace and joy and love. Star of the East, shining above.

Star of the East, lulled by your light, giving us hope on this lonely night. Lead us to peace and joy and love. Star of the East, shining above. Watch over us, safe and secure, lead us as we travel on.

Heavenly light, faithful and pure, we have been searching so long.

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Isaiah: Clara Becksvoot

Promise Readers: Gavin Ponstein, Mia Elzinga, Norah Hollenbach, Natalie Oosterhouse, Celine Alcumbrack, Isabelle Elenbaas

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 92

“Joy to the World”

Stanza 1 – Children

Stanzas 2-4 – Congregation joins

The Prayer

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 80

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Parting Bells:

“The Echo Carol (While by My Sheep)”

arr. Joyce Eilers

*The Postlude:

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Edwin C. Johnson

Special thanks to:

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Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Dr. Elizabeth West – organist
K-2 and 3-6 Choir, Renee Vande Wege – director
Bells Gloria, Trish Brummel – director
Jess Hollenbach – pianist
Bella Redder – cover art

The flowers on the chancel today are 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 and Larry VanPopering**. **Dolores** was called home August 2, 2018. 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**, a 40-year-old Christian camp offering leadership training and mentoring for inner city and greater Grand Rapids youth.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org.

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