

December 18, 2022

*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:

“The Holly and the Ivy”

Traditional English Carol

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Lewis Redner

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

attrib. John F. Wade

The Chiming of the Hour

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

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 81

“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

SINGING THE BIBLE’S PROMISES

“From Tender Shoot Hath Sprung”

The Reading: Isaiah 11:1-2, 35:1-2

The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 79:1-3

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

“Hail the Sun of Righteousness”

The Reading: Malachi 4:1-3

read by Pat Tigchelaar

*The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 80

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

“And the Mountains in Reply”

The Reading: Isaiah 55:3-4, 12-13

read by Olivia Ackerman

The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 82

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“To You, in David’s Town, This Day…”

The Reading: Micah 5:2-3

read by Brad Schaap

The Carol: ***Worship & Rejoice 228***

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night”

The Infant Lowly...and Gentle

The Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4

read by Ruby VanHaitsma

The Carol: ***Worship & Rejoice 221***

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

“Let Heaven and Nature Sing”

The Reading: Psalm 98

read by Erin Alley

*The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 92

“Joy to the World”

“Rachel Weeping for Her Children”

The Reading: Genesis 3:15, Jeremiah 31:15

read by Bella Redder

The Carol: “The Coventry Carol”

1. **Lullay, thou little tiny Child, by, by, lully, lullay;
lullay, thou little tiny Child, by, by, lully, lullay.**

2. **O sisters, too, how may we do, for to preserve
this day; this poor youngling for whome w sing,
by, by lully, lullay.**

3. **Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath
this day; his men of might, in his own sight, all
children young, to slay.**

4. **Then woe is me, poor Child, for thee, and ever
mourn and say; for thy parting nor say nor sing,
by,by, lully, lullay.**

“Nails, Spear, Shall Pierce Him Through”

The Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6

read by Paul Stephenson

The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 95:1-2

“What Child is This?”

“To You, the Riches of the Nations Will Come”

The Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

read by Dave Baatenburg

The Carol: ***Worship & Rejoice 233:1,4,5***

“We Three Kings”

“How Beautiful on the Mountains”

The Reading: Isaiah 52:6-8

read by Rebecca Gates

*The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 93

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

The Evening Prayer

**O God our Father, whose Son, Jesus Christ came to
our world at Bethlehem, pour out your Holy Spirit
upon your church, so that all the people of our world,
being led through the knowledge of your truth to
worship you, may offer the gold of intellect, the
frankincense of devotion, and the myrrh of discipline
to you, our Lord. You have given us the light of your
Son. Grant that his light, enkindled in our hearts,
may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, and the
Holy Spirit, one God forevermore. Amen.**

“Bright Like Stars, with Glory Crowned”

The Readings: Philippians 2:14-15, 1 John 3:2

*The Closing Song: Lift Up Your Hearts 87:1,4,5
“Once in Royal David’s City”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“The First Noel”

from W. Sandys’ *Christmas Carols*

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

The LaGrave Orchestra, Karel de Waal Malefyt – director

Mia Ackerman, Renee Baatenburg, Heidi Brandt, Ruth Bylsma,

Amber Schaap, Payton Speulstra, Lydia Wodarek – flute

Connor Borgman, Sarah Horton, Orin Gelderloos – clarinet

Marge Hoozeboom, Andrea Oosterhouse, Alanna Rynders – oboe

Ella Busscher, Bill Stroo – alto saxophone

Becky Rhoda – bassoon

Norah Hollenbach, Emily Redder, Isabella Redder, Penny Redder,

Melissa Reiffer, Ashley Grace Stephenson, Barbara Swinehart – violin

Patricia Stephenson – viola

Anneka Bos, Zach Kruyf, Christina Leigh Stephenson,

Levi Vande Wege – cello

Joel Bouwman, Joellah Bouwman, Micah Manion, Bob Otte – trumpet

Jonathah Bouwman, Leah Bouwman, Roland Lindh,

Jacob Oosterhouse – french horn

Mary Hoekstra, Nathan Reiffer, Isaac Schaap, Peter Tichelaar – trombone

Donna Bakker, Jim Hoek, Pete Jouvstra, Rachel Vogel – euphonium

Ben Gates – tuba

Jan Heerspink, Perrin Rynders, Debra Vogel – percussion

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 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/live