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:
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“The Holly and the Ivy”
O Little Town of Bethlehem”
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
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Traditional English Carol
attrib. John F. Wade

The Chiming of the Hour
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“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 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

*The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 80
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

“The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 82
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 81
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

“The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 82
“Joy to the World”

“The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 92
“Rachel Weeping for Her Children”

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

The Carol: “The Coventry Carol”

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

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

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, lully.

“Nails, Spear, Shall Pierce Him Through”

The Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6

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

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

“We Three Kings”

“How Beautiful on the Mountains”

The Reading: Isaiah 52:6-8

*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 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 Hoogeboom, 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
Jonathan Bouwman, Leah Bouwman, Roland Lindh,
Jacob Oosterhouse – french horn
Mary Hoekstra, Nathan Reiffer, Isaac Schaap, Peter Tichelaar – trombone
Donna Bakker, Jim Hoek, Pete Jouwstra, 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