

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

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.

MORNING WORSHIP 8:40 AM & 11:00 AM

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

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Robert J. Powell

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

Jacobus Kloppers

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (8:40) Jean Philippe Rameau
Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

"We Are Waiting" (11:00)

William T. Paxson

We are waiting. We are waiting for the Lord. Oh, come, oh come, Emmanuel. We are waiting.

Words: William T. Paxson

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 61:1,3,4,6

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Reading: Isaiah 7:14

The Lord will give you a sign. **Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel**, which means "God is with us."

The Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Those before us in life and faith watched and prayed. And God answered: **He did awesome deeds his people did not expect, so that everyone might honor him.** We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the kingdom of God into the world. **Our souls are ready for life, Lord. Our souls are ready for life.**

The Prayer of Confession:

We live our days before your face, Lord; yet we admit that your purposes and actions are sometimes a mystery to us. We misunderstand your priorities and fail to appreciate your timing. Please make us new. Open our eyes to see evidence of your reign in this world. Quicken our hearts to perceive your Spirit in our lives. You've shown us yourself in Jesus and have promised that he will come back for us. In his word we place our hope. In Jesus' name, amen.

The Sung Response: "My Soul in Stillness Waits"

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits;

tru - ly my hope is in you.

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The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 130:7-8

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 70:1,2,4,5

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Blessing

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Prepare The Way of the Lord" (8:40)

Mark Hayes

A voice cries out, "In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Prepare the way of the Lord. Every valley will be lifted up, every mountain and hill be made low. the uneven ground will be made straight, and the rough places, a plain. Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it."

He will open the eyes of the blind and unstop the ears of the deaf. The lame will leap like a deer, and the speechless will sing for joy. The wolf will live with the lamb. The leopard will lie down with the goat. Springs will burst forth in the wilderness. In the desert, streams will flow. And the ransomed of the Lord will return and come with joyful singing unto Zion. All sorrow and mourning will be gone. Only gladness and joy will remain. Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Words from the Prophecies of Isaiah, adapt. by Mark Hayes

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"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" (11:00) Paul O. Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Revelation 22

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Luke 21:5-36 (p.1636)

The Sermon: **"APOCALYPTIC ADVENT: WHEN YOU SEE THESE THINGS HAPPENING..."**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 476:1-4

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

(See Bulletin Insert)

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 821
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes ”
David Cherwien, B. Wayne Bisbee

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Jessica Klooster – vocalist (8:40)
Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)
The Schaap Family (8:40) The Venezia Family (11:00) – candle lighters
Chad Boorsma and Rachel Rynbrandt – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Hannah and Becca Vande Griend – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Jessica Klooster sang in the Capella while a student at Calvin University and is a frequent soloist in the West-Michigan area. She is a member at First Reformed Church in Holland. We welcome Jessica's return to worship.

Music at LaGrave: (11:00)

Organist and composer Paul Manz (1919-2009) was a luminary figure in American church music for much of his long life. He held posts at Lutheran churches in Chicago and Minnesota. Manz's most notable choral piece is his Advent anthem based on Revelation 22 (*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*), paraphrased by his wife Ruth. It was written in 1953 at a time in which their son John was critically ill. Knowing the severity of his condition, they committed all to God and said, “Lord Jesus, quickly come.” Their son survived and the Manz's attributed his recovery to the power of prayer.

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 **Joyce Huizenga, Mark and Kris Huizenga, Mike and Amy Luce, Ted and Leslie Huizenga, Jon and Jackie Tilburt and grandchildren** in honor of/and loving memory of **Jerry Huizenga**, who passed away one year ago today.

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.

The Calvin University Lessons and Carols Services will be held today at **3:00 and 6:00 p.m.**

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live