

## December 15, 2024

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.*

Prelude:

"In Dulci Jubilo" J. S. Bach  
"Pastorale from Le Prologue de Jesus" Joseph W. Clokey  
"Joy to the World" arr. Faber (played by Preston Hollenbach)  
"Angels We Have Heard on High" Traditional (played by Audrey Schaap)  
"The First Noelle" English Carol (played by Joella Bouwman)  
"Ding Dong! Merrily on High" Traditional (played by Thomas Borgman)  
"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" arr. Palmer, Manus and Lethco (played by Norah Hollenbach)

Chiming of the Hour

\*Call to Worship: based on Psalm 25:1-5

In you, Lord, I put my trust.

**I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame.**

If I hope in you, I will not be put to shame,

**nor will my enemies triumph over me.**

Show me your ways, Lord, and teach me your paths.

**Guide me in your truth.**

You are my God and my Savior,

**and my hope is in you all day long.**

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

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

\*Greeting

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

Welcome

Prayer

## Hope Through the Ages

### Introduction

Character:

Narrator: Polly Slotsema

### Adam and Eve

Characters:

Narrator: Penny Redder, Remi Stuit

Adam: Pierce Slotsema

Eve: Mia Elzinga

Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 61

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Stanza 1 – children

Stanza 4 & 7 – congregation

### The Prophet Isaiah

Characters:

Narrator: Izzy Elenbaas, Penny Redder

Isaiah: Gavin Ponstein

Crowd of people: 3-6 grade choir

Response:

"Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" Carolyn Jennings

*Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world. Lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms, he will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you. He who made the stars in the heaven, he who fashioned*

*the earth and the sea. From time eternal, he was God, the Alpha and Omega, he. Behold, your Lord! He will come in power and glory, he will rule with mercy and truth. Hope of all the nations, Light of the world. He will love the little children; he will hold them in his arms. Love him and trust him as a child. Behold, your Lord comes to you.*

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### Mary and the Angel

Characters:

Narrator: Remi Stuit

Mary: Celine Alcumbrack

Angel: Madison Kuiper

Response:

"Born Is the Light of the World" Sally DeFord

*Beautiful child all aglow in the candlelight, see how he sleeps in a poor manger bed. Beautiful child! How the heavens adorn him, starlight of silver and halo of gold 'round his head.*

Chorus: *Gloria! Angels on high are singing all, "Gloria!" Let earth in reply sing "Gloria! In excelsis deo." In the dark of the night, born is the Light of the world.*

*Beautiful child in the arms of his mother, come see how his radiance shines in her face. Beautiful child who dispels all our darkness, bright in his glory, alight with the Father's own grace. (Chorus)*

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### The Birth of Jesus

Characters:

Narrator: Izzy Elenbaas

Mary: Celine Alcumbrack

Joseph: Preston Slotsema

Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 86

"Away in a Manger"

Stanza 1 – children

Stanza 2 & 3 – congregation

## The Shepherds

Characters:

Narrator: Penny Redder, Remi Stuit, Izzy Elenbaas

Shepherds: Kate Kuiper, Emma Nagel, Avery Verploegh

Sheep: Josie Elzinga, Olivia VanWingerden

Angel: Madison Kuiper

\*Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 82

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Stanza 1 – children

Stanza 2 & 3 – congregation

## The Wise Men

Characters:

Narrator: Penny Redder, Remi Stuit

Wise Men: Caroline Hakes, Evelyn Holford, Rosie Stuit

King Herod: Kade Elzinga

Response: *Worship and Rejoice 233:1,2,5*

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Stanza 1 – children

Stanza 2 & 5 – congregation

## Conclusion

Characters:

Narrator: Izzy Elenbaas, Polly Slotsema

\*Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 93

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

\*Benediction

\*People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*Postlude:

“Festive Gloria”

Aaron David Miller

Rachel Thorne – liturgist

Willia DeBoer – Call to Worship

Church School Children’s Choir, 3-6 grade choir, 7-12 grade choir,

Dr. Rob Hobgood – director

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Jess Hollenbach – pianist

Norma de Waal Malefyt – organist

Caleb Ackerman – cover art

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**. Camp Tall Turf is 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](http://lagrave.org).

# HOPE THROUGH THE AGES



## 4:00 P.M. CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church