

**January 12, 2025**

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 & 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:

“Variations on *Jesus Shall Reign*”

David Cherwien

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“O Father, You Are Sovereign”

*O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made; your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed. Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore, sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.*

*O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now, but soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow. With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew: our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!*

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\*The Processional Hymn: *Lift Up Your Hearts 7:1,2,4*

“Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

***We Humbly Approach God***

The Call to Confession: Matthew 6:25-33

The Prayer of Confession:

Your words, Gracious Jesus,  
ring true as commands worthy of our obedience:

**Don't worry. Seek first the kingdom.**

And with Spirit strength and faltering steps,  
we start learning how.

We get to know our way around with you,  
and hear great blessing in these words:

**Your Father feeds. Your Father knows.**

The life you grant frees us from competing interests and compulsive striving.

**It invites us to set down our concerns in your much bigger hands.**

Forgive the noisy fears that drown you out.

Lovingly banish our anxieties.

**Receive our small acts of trust**

**and craft of them a sanctuary in your sovereignty,  
so we are present to you in the uncertain places of this world.**

In Christ's name, amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 4:13-16

\*The Hymn of Commitment: *Lift Up Your Hearts 21*

“This Is My Father's World”

***We Witness God's Covenant Promise (11:00)***

The Meaning of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows

The Baptism of **Amelia Maria Lynn Joldersma**, daughter of  
Zachary & Ashley Joldersma  
Prayer Partner: Julie Molenbeek

*Children are invited to come forward for the baptism,  
and return to their seats during the baptismal hymn*

The Blessing

The Baptismal Hymn: *Worship & Rejoice 256:1,3,4*

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Children's Message (8:40)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Be Still and Know” (8:40)

Mark S. Campbell

*When life's darkness settles around you, when your faults and failures confound you, peace, be still. When life's pleasures cease to console you, and the floods of anger overflow you, and your doubts and fears control you, rivers overflow you, peace, be still.*

*Be still and know that I am God. Be still, and know I have all power. Be still, you are my child, and I do hear you. My love surrounds you. Peace, be still. When in the hour of greatest need you cry to me in prayer, I come in haste to intercede. Be still, for I am here.*

*When your pains and sorrows overcome you, when the sting of death takes loved-ones from you, peace, be still.*

*Be still, and know that I am God. Be still and know I have all power. Be still and know you are my child, and I am with you. My arms surround you. I will be with you. Peace, peace, be still.*

Psalm 46:10, Mark 4:35-41. Copyright © 2016

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” (11:00)

*Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea; unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal. Chart and compass came from thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.*

*As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild; boisterous waves obey thy will, when thou sayest to them “Be still!” Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.*

*When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar 'twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy breast, may I hear thee say to me, “Fear not, I will pilot thee.” Jesus, Savior, pilot me.*

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The Offertory:

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Richard Elliott

The Offering

\*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## *God Speaks to Us*

The Scripture: Luke 8:22-25 (p.1608)

The Sermon: **“THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD:  
SOVEREIGNTY”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

## *We Go in His Peace*

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 427:1,2,3,5  
“How Firm a Foundation”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Choral Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:  
“Jubilant Dance on *Our God Reigns*”

David Blackwell

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)

Vocal Quartet, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Kathryn Beeksvooort – soprano, Jess Hollenbach – alto,

Jim Elzinga – tenor, Karel de Waal Malefyt – bass

Albert Doorn & René Baatenburg – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Ruby VanHaitsma & Brad VanHaitsma – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Baptism Parament, Bowl and Pitcher:** The sacrament of Baptism is the sign of God’s covenant relationship with his people. Water is the sign and seal of this covenant. In the parament design is a cascading waterfall symbolizing the washing away of our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. A gold thread is woven in from top to bottom. It reminds us that God is the central focus of our lives and that he is with us from the beginning to the end of our lives and through all eternity. The light reflected in the crystals symbolizes the light of the Holy Spirit that guides us in every moment of our lives. The ceramic bowl and pitcher are designed to complement the parament and to continually serve as a reminder of the significance of the sacrament.

**Epiphany is the liturgical season from Christmastide to Lent.** During this time we focus on Jesus Christ, the Savior,

who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. These concepts are reflected in the symbol of the Trinity and the gold and white colors used in the banners and paraments.

**Music at LaGrave (11:00):** Mark S. Campbell, the composer of both choral anthems this morning, was a graduate student with Dr. Rob Hobgood at the University of Kansas. Rev. Edward Hopper (1816-1888) was minister at New York City’s Church of Sea and Land, a church for sailors. When asked to write a new hymn text for the Seamen’s Friend’s Society, Hopper instead submitted Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me, a hymn he wrote eight years prior. His text includes a reference to the Biblical story of Jesus calming the sea and names Jesus, our Pilot, as the “Wondrous Sovereign of the sea.”

**The flowers on the chancel today** are given by **Howard Sterenberg** in memory of his brother, **Frederick Sterenberg**, on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.

**The January special offering** is for **Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF)** which provides housing opportunities and home repairs for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

This evening, **Rev. Manion** will preach on Jesus’ baptism from Luke 3.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](http://lagrave.org/live)