

**January 12, 2025**

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:

“Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came”

Dietrich Buxtehude

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

Johann Pachelbel & B. Wayne Bisbee

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-2

\*The Opening Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 1***

“God Is Here!”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7

The Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 360***

“What the Lord Has Done in Me”

\*The Confession:

*Our World Belongs to God* – Paragraphs 23 & 24

**Remembering the promise to reconcile the world to himself,  
God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ—  
the eternal Word made flesh.  
He is the long-awaited Messiah,  
one with us**

**and one with God,  
fully human and fully divine,  
conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**As the second Adam,  
Jesus chose the path we had rejected.  
In his baptism and temptations,  
teaching and miracles,  
battles with demons  
and friendships with sinners,  
Jesus lived a full and righteous human life before us.  
As God’s true Son,  
he lovingly obeyed the Father  
and made present in deed and word  
the coming rule of God.**

\*The Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 247:1,2,4***

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p.1596)

The Sermon: **“WONDERING & CONFIRMATION”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\*The Hymn:

“Sing! A New Creation” & “Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

**Sing! A new creation calls us:  
God’s Son, firstborn from the dead,  
makes the drowning which befalls us  
into cleansing birth instead.  
Singing water, wild with wonder,  
washing, more than what it seems,  
baptizes and drags us under,  
lifts us as our Christ redeems.**

**Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free.  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me,**

**is the current of thy love—  
leading onward, leading homeward  
to thy glorious rest above.**

Lift Up Your Hearts 797:1, 796:1.  
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\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

Philip Moore

“God Is Here!”

Gordon Young

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

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister  
Dr. Rob Hobgood – organist

**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. As we grow in knowledge of God’s redemptive acts through Jesus Christ, we are called to respond by bringing the light of the gospel to our neighbors and the world. These concepts are reflected in the symbol of the Trinity and the gold and white colors used in the banners and paraments.

**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, home ownership counseling, home repairs and maintenance for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

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