

January 5, 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:

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Robert Powell, Max Sinzheimer

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Healey Willan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 532

“Be Still, for the Presence”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Romans 8:1-13

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 864:1-4,6

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

*The Confession: *Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 53*

& Our World Belongs to God – Paragraph 29

What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

**First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son,
is eternal God.**

**Second, that the Spirit is given also to me,
so that, through true faith,
he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits,
comforts me, and will remain with me forever.**

The Spirit renews our hearts
and moves us to faith,
leads us into truth,
and helps us to pray,
stands by us in our need,
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.
**God the Spirit lavishes gifts on the church
in astonishing variety—
prophecy, encouragement, healing,
teaching, service, tongues, discernment—
equipping each member
to build up the body of Christ
and serve our neighbors.**

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 235:1,3

“Spirit, Working in Creation”

The Pastoral Prayer

Concluded by: Lift Up Your Hearts 764:1,4

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

The Scripture: John 3:1-9, 16:12-14 (p.1650)

The Sermon: **“THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 746

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Kevin Hildebrand

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power.

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

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Sara Good – 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 our knowledge of God’s redemptive acts through Jesus Christ, we are called to respond by bringing the light of the gospel to our various communities 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 **Marge Hoogeboom**, in loving memory of my husband **Tom Hoogeboom**, who the Lord blessed me with for 53 years of marriage.

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

