LaGrave Avenue
Christian Reformed Church

New Year's Eve

Candlelight Service

December 31, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

Order of Worship

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Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship with a time of prayer and meditation

Welcome to worship at LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church. Please follow this order of worship carefully as worship proceeds without announcement. There are **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 you are here.

The Prelude:
"Second Benedictus" — Alec Rowley
"In quiet contemplation shall peace guide your ways"
"Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide" — Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Opening Prayer

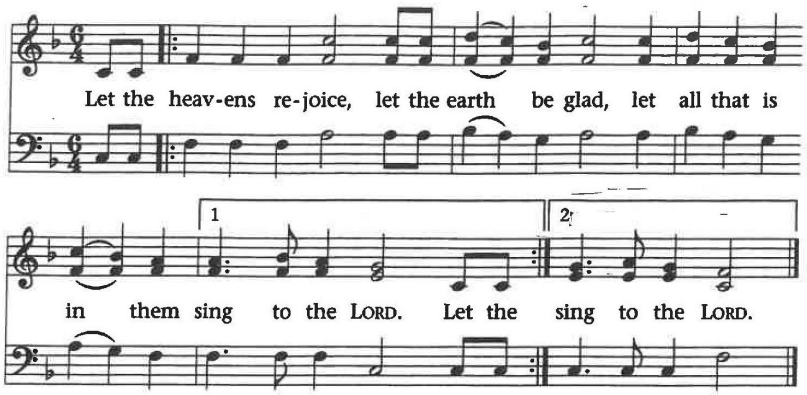
*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 561
"I Will Extol You, O My God"

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Evening Psalm: Psalm 96

Sung refrain:

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The Time of Remembering:

Births in 2025

concluding in prayer

Professions of Faith and
Declarations of Table Fellowship in 2025

concluding in prayer

Deaths in 2025

concluding in prayer

The Scripture: Luke 2: 8-20 (p. 1593) *concluded with*:

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon: **"Beyond Just Seeing"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 557

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Celebrating the Lord's Supper Together

Prayer of Thanksgiving:
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.
With joy we praise you, gracious God, for in your great love, out of nothing, you created heaven and earth and everything in them. You made us in your image and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.
We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came among us as the Word made flesh to show us your glory, full of grace and truth.
Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration:
Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:
Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever, Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Communion

hymns to be sung during communion:

"Once in Royal David's City"

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all; and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall: with the poor, and meek, and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love, for that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above: and he leads his children on to the place where he has gone. LUYH 87: 1, 2, 4

"Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is worthy, he is worthy,
he is worthy, he is worthy.
He is worthy, he is worthy,
he is worthy, he is worthy. LUYH 958

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you. Worship & Rejoice 221

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: **Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain) LUYH 82: 1, 3

*Response of Praise:
Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 80
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*The Benediction

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

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
"Carillon de Westminster" Louis Vierne

Chad Boorsma ..... minister
Dr. Larry Visser ..... organist

The Thank-Offering is for the Benevolence Fund.
Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.

Sermon Notes

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