



# Morning Worship

February 15, 2026 | 8:40 & 11:00 a.m.



# Order of Worship

Morning Worship | 8:40 & 11:00 AM

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.

As you worship, please remember to silence your cellphones.

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## God Calls Us to Worship

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### The Prelude:

“Psalm–Prelude II”

Herbert Howells

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day;  
the darkness and light to thee are both alike (Psalm 139:12).

“Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain”

Paul Manz, David Cherwien

### The Chiming of the Hour

#### The Introit:

“Beautiful Savior” (8:40)

Valerie W. Stephenson

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

“Be Still, for the Presence” (11:00)

David J. Evans, arr. Indra Hughes

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*

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\*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 245***

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

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## We Humbly Approach God

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The Call to Confession: Matthew 7: 15–20

**Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.**

By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

**A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.**

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

The Prayer of Confession: based on Psalm 32

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night  
your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped  
as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

*Prayer concludes with a time of silence followed by the singing of the Kyrie:*

*Sing twice. First time all sing in harmony*

*Second time, all sing a cappella in harmony*

*(English translation: "Lord, have mercy.")*

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Musical notation for the first time of the Kyrie. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The vocal line (treble clef) and piano accompaniment (bass clef) are shown. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Musical notation for the second time of the Kyrie. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The vocal line (treble clef) and piano accompaniment (bass clef) are shown. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - - son.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Hebrews 1: 1-4

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 251: 1-4  
"The Church's One Foundation"

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## We Respond with Thanksgiving

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The Children's Message

Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**

Children: And also with you.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Immortal, Invisible" (8:40)

R. Lyndel Littleton

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious,  
thy great name we praise.

"Transfiguration" (11:00)

Craig Phillips

*O burning mountain, O chosen sun, O perfect moon, O fathomless well, O  
unattainable height, O clearness beyond all measure, O wisdom without  
end, O mercy without all limit, O strength beyond resistance, O crown of all  
majesty. All creation sings your praise: bright stars, high mountains, depths  
of seas, rushing waters, all these break into song at heaven's proclamation:  
"This is my Son, my beloved, my chosen One." Alleluia!*

The Offering

*\*Please sign and pass the Welcome Register found on  
the pew in the middle aisle*

The Offertory:

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

Raymond H. Haan

\*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.**

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## God Speaks to Us

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The Scripture: Matthew 17: 1-8 (p. 1528) *concluded with:*

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon: **“The Word in the Windows:  
The Transfiguration”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

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**We Go in His Peace**

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\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 131  
“Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen (8:40)

\*The Choral Amen (11:00)

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Jonker..... minister  
Chad Scholtens..... liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser .....organist  
Bells Jubilate, Dr. Rob Hobgood ..... director (8:40)  
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood ..... director (11:00)  
Mia Ackerman & Sheryl VanEck ..... Cross and Bible bearers (8:40)  
Joyce Jeltema & Merv Kamper ..... Cross and Bible bearers (11:00)

**Epiphany:** 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.

**Music at LaGrave (8:40):** A Presbyterian minister in the Free Church of Scotland, Walter C. Smith (1824–1908) based his hymn text *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* on II Timothy 1: 17 – “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.” R. Lyndel Littleton’s handbell arrangement of this hymn is in three sections: an opening and closing section in a minor key with driving

eighth-note rhythms, and a middle section in the original major key. The exuberance of this piece evokes the theme of "Light," a prevailing image in verses 1, 2, and 4 of the hymn.

**The flowers on the chancel today** are in loving memory of **Terry Hoeksema**, who went to be with his Savior 2 years ago on Valentine's Day. He will forever be loved and missed by his wife **Joyce**, **Children**, **Grandchildren** and many dear friends.

**The February special offering** is for **The Bridge**. The Bridge is part of Arbor Circle, which offers emergency shelter for youths, and additional counseling for youths and their families.

**Beginning in Lent**, under the auspices of the Worship Committee we are presenting in the sanctuary "Shadows and Light", art by Manuel Gallardo." In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5). Manuel Gallardo is originally from Cuba and currently is a PhD student in Systematic Theology at Calvin Theological Seminary, with an emphasis on preaching and teaching. Prior to studying at Calvin Seminary, he graduated from a fine art academy in Cuba and was an art professor as well as a pastor in Cuba.

**The LaGrave Worship Arts Committee** is pleased to present Jesus' Journey to the Cross – The artwork by Scott Erickson. The collection will be displayed outdoors along Sheldon Avenue during this Lenten and Easter season.

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

## Today

**2 & 3s, Nursery & Children's Worship will be provided today.**

**This evening**, Pastor Jonker will preach on Colossians 3:1-4.

**CREW (9th - 12th grade)**: meets tonight in the Vault from 5:30pm - 7:15pm. Next Sunday, Feb. 22, CREW will have Celebration, a time of contemporary worship including singing and listening to Scripture. Remember to look at summer schedules and RSVP for Cedar Point and SERVE.

**MSYG (6th - 8th grade)**: We will not meet tonight. We will meet again on Sunday, February 22 in the MPR.

**College/Career**: If you are a visitor or regular attender between 18-30 (post high school), we'd love to have you join us **tonight** for dinner! We meet at the Glover house (1933 Pinnacle Dr. SW). Come for an evening of great food, connection, and spiritual encouragement! All are welcome! Text Heidi 616-437-6830 with questions or to RSVP.



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# Ten O'Clock Hour

Growing in Fellowship and Faith Formation

## Happenings today between the morning services:

- **Nursery** (ages 0-3) – 2s/3s Room
- **Coffee, Fellowship, Puzzles and Games:** Join us in the MPR for a time of fellowship and conversation. Everyone is welcome!
- **College/Career:** Join us in the Parlor for Bagel Sunday for a time of coffee, bagels, and fellowship with other young adults.
- **Biblical Parenting Class:** Is cancelled for today and will resume next Sunday.
- **Developing Spiritual Gifts Class:** Jolene DeHeer leads us in the third of a 4 session class about identifying and developing our spiritual gifts. The class will meet in the Council Room.

## Coming to the 10 O'Clock Hour:

- **“Prayers in the Night” Book Study:** Mike & Linda Hoisington lead a 5 week study of the book *Prayer in the Night* by Tish Harrison Warren. Framed around a nighttime prayer of Compline, the author explores themes of human vulnerability, suffering, and God’s seeming absence. When the author navigated a time of doubt and loss, the prayer was grounding for her. Where do we find comfort when we lie awake worrying or weeping in the night? This book offers a prayerful and frank approach to the difficulties in our ordinary lives at work, home and in a world filled with uncertainty. We will meet beginning on March 1 in room 206. Books will be available for purchase.
- **139 Years of Grace!** LaGrave was founded on February 24, 1887. Celebrate this milestone of God’s faithfulness on February 22 with coffee and cake in the Multi-Purpose Room, as well as a tour in the sanctuary of the historic elements of our building. We will start in the Parlor, and stop in at the Heritage Center on the lower level to view historic artifacts, including a stained-glass window from the original church.
- **Public Reading of Scripture:** Join us March 1-29, as we spend time in some of the Psalms that are often used during Lent. We’ll read them several times while sharing questions we have, things we wonder about and notice. No preparation needed, no homework is assigned, and you’re welcome to attend whenever your schedule allows.

# Next Week's Worship

**Next Sunday Morning** is the first Sunday in the season of Lent. We will start a new sermon series called *Cross Words*. These sermons will go through the Bible and look at what the Bible teaches us about the cross. We will begin by looking at how the Old Testament points towards the cross. Pastor Jonker will preach on Isaiah 53.

**Next Sunday Evening** Rev. Kristy Manion will lead us in worship and will preach on Psalm 32.

## Upcoming Events



Scan the QR code to for more information or to sign-up

### **Take a Peek Tour**

**Monday, February 16, 12:00pm**

Are you curious about what the future Community Center will look like? Join LaGrave staff for a tour of the Winter Community Center at Westminster, which will give you a glimpse of some of the services that will be provided. We'll meet at the LaGrave office, walk to Westminster, take a 15 minute tour and then come back to debrief for 30 minutes about what we saw and a future Community Center on LaGrave's property. All ages welcome!

### **Wednesday Night Programming**

**Wednesday, February 18**

It is Ash Wednesday so the meal will be from 5:15pm-6:15pm in the MPR, Ash Wednesday service from 6:15pm-6:45pm in the Sanctuary, and GEMS and Youth Outdoors will meet from 7pm-8pm.

### **Ash Wednesday Koinonia Meal & Service**

**Wednesday, February 18 at 5:15pm**

All are invited to a congregational koinonia meal in the MPR at 5:15 followed by the Ash Wednesday service at 6:15 pm in the sanctuary. Chick-fil-A sandwiches, nuggets, grilled nuggets and more will be served.

### **Men's Coffee Fellowship**

**Thursday, February 19 at 10:00 am**

All men are welcome to join the men's coffee group in the Council Room from 10-11:30 am. Men of any age can enjoy this time of socializing and eating donuts. If you need a ride, call 616-245-3803.

### **College/Career Trivia Night**

**Thursday, February 19 at 7:00—9:00pm**

Trivia Night at VanderMill Cider. All 18-30 year olds are welcome to join! Heidi will be there by 6:15pm to hold tables. Food is available to purchase. Questions? Text Heidi 616-437-6830.

### **Mom's Fellowship**

**Friday, February 20 at 9:30am**

All moms are invited to join Moms' Fellowship for our annual card making session. Our host will bring all supplies and provide direction for creating cards. Childcare will be available in the Nursery. Questions? Contact Alisha Doezema 616-745-9834.

### **Missionary Presentation**

**Sunday, February 22**

Jeff and Julie Bouman, missionaries serving in Hungary, will be visiting LaGrave next Sunday evening, February 22. They will give a Mission Moment during our evening service, and a longer presentation (along with a light supper) plus Q & A after the evening service. The Boumans minister to refugees and coordinate Resonate's Cohort program in Europe. Plan now to attend!

### **Women's Book Club**

**Monday, February 23 at 7:30pm**

Join us in the Parlor to discuss *The Tobacco Wives* by Adele Myers. Books are available at local libraries, Schuler's & Amazon.

### **Christ Laid Aside His Crown**

**Five Noontime services on Wednesdays during Lent**

These services will be held in the sanctuary on Wednesdays during Lent: Feb. 25, Mar. 4, Mar. 11, Mar. 18, and Mar. 25. The half-hour services will include spoken liturgy, prayers, singing, and a 20-minute musical meditation offered by staff and guest organists. On Feb. 25, Rev. Kristy Manion will serve as liturgist and Dr. Larry Visser will serve as organist. A light meal will be served in the MPR following each service. All are welcome to attend this time of Lenten reflection and spiritual enrichment.

### **All Church Derby Race**

**Saturday, March 14 at 9:00am**

LaGrave's newly updated woodshop will be open on Wednesday evenings on Feb. 18, 25, March 4 and 11 from 6:30-8 pm for those wanting to make Derby Cars. Derby kits will be available for pick up in the MPR on Sunday mornings.

**All Church Bowling****Saturday, March 21, 3:00—5:00pm**

Calling all LaGrave bowlers! You are invited to an all church bowling event on Saturday, March 21 from 3–5 pm at Park Center Lanes located at 2222 28th St SW, Wyoming, MI. New bowlers, those with experience, families, singles, young, young at heart, long time members or those new to LaGrave are all welcome! Enjoy two hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop. Cost to attend is \$5.00 per person. Sign up online to reserve your spot today!

**College/Career The Grand Rapids Game Show****Thursday, March 26 at 6:45—8:15pm**

Sign up now, for our March funtivity. Cost: \$10 - Venmo Heidi. Space is limited so sign up to reserve your spot! Text Heidi or use the iPads at the Welcome Desk to sign up.

# Announcements

**This month** marks 10 years of service for Rev. Kristy Manion as our Minister of Congregational Care. We are so grateful for Kristy's work with our congregation and look forward to many more years with her in this role.

## **Internship Opportunity**

Through the generous support of the Looks Committee, LaGrave is offering a paid equipping internship to a college/university student interested in serving the women of Heartside. Details can be found in the weekly News and Opportunities. Questions can be directed to Kristin in the church office.

## **Lenten Devotional Books**

Lent begins this Wednesday. Members can find a copy of our annual devotional in their church mailbox, and visitors are welcome to pick one up from the Welcome Center in the narthex.

**The Planned Giving Committee** gratefully reports that LaGrave received a generous gift from the estate of Bruce Klanderman. We are grateful to Bruce in remembering LaGrave in planning his estate gifts.

## **Fish Bowl**

The fish bowl, located in the library, continues to accept names of people who don't know Jesus as Savior, who are wandering in their faith, or who have left the Christian faith. Prayer servants are faithfully praying for these people.

## **Interested in making LaGrave your church home?**

We would love to have you join! Email Marie Jansen, our Membership Administrator, at [mjansen@lagrave.org](mailto:mjansen@lagrave.org) to begin that process.

## **Parlor Art Display Feb 8–May 3, Selections from Versluis's Fish Series**

David M. Versluis is an artist and retired professor of art (graphic design) at Dordt University. His "Spirit Lake, Iowa: Fish Series" is a collection of original prints that dissects a lake perch into an emblematic design. Developed as a traveling show from 2004–2010, the series features a school of images that allude to the fish as a unique creature, signifying that all aquatic life were the first to receive God's blessing (Genesis 1:22). The Fish Series has been displayed in galleries throughout Iowa, and in Illinois. Versluis chairs the LaGrave Worship Arts Committee and is the recipient of Dordt University's 2019 Noteworthy Scholarship Award.

# Prayer Concerns

## **We praise God for his faithfulness to:**

- **Mitch & Alexa Mustert (Margot)**, in the birth of Scotlyn Lou, on Thursday, February 5.
- **Evelyn Kukulies**, who received the sacrament of baptism last Sunday, February 8.

## **Let us faithfully pray for:**

- **Joan Elzinga**, who is hospitalized for an infection and pneumonia.
- **Bette Frieswyk**, who is continuing her recovery at Sunrise Senior Living of Cascade.
- **Michael Hoisington**, who will be training pastors in Kyrgyzstan, a country with restrictions on faith.
- **Sylvia Hugen**, who is receiving hospice services due to a diagnosis of lung cancer.
- **Sipp Hutton**, who has moved to Porter Hills to continue rehab.
- **Sherri Kanten**, who has a serious and painful infection of her peritoneal membrane, a complication of the dialysis she receives around the clock. Pray for the right treatment to be found, and for God's nearness to be felt.

## **We extend our Christian sympathy to:**

- **John Postmus**, in the death of his daughter, Anita MacDonald, on Tuesday, February 10.

## **Please pray for:**

**those receiving hospice services** – Bev VandenBosch, George Zandt

**those living with cancer** – Joanne Arnoys, Dan Beimers, Marsha Haan, Steve Palazzolo, Lloyd Tinholt, Sharon VanHouten, Barb Voskuil

**those with other continuing needs** – Sandy Buter, Cloe Ann Danford, Sandra Destrempe, Julie Farmer, Sandy Gronsmann, Carole Hoffman, Larry Kerkstra, Harris Kiekover, Carmen Kruyf, Dorothy Ondersma, Marlene Paauwe, Rich & Mamuani Postma, Carol VanBruggen, Joy Winkle, Joyce Zwiers

**those actively serving in the military** – Blake Huizenga, Tim VanBeek

**As members of God's family**, remember those who give faithful care to a loved one who suffers and who must learn new skills to do so.

**Missionary of the week: ReFrame's Hindi Ministry Leader** (name withheld for security reasons). Pray for God's encouragement and protection for 70+ staff members, pastors, church planters, missionaries and their families working in a very hostile environment. Pray that all churches will continue to be bold and courageous in witnessing for Jesus.

**New Members:**

**Nicholas & Sharon Lanning**, who have transferred their membership from Calvin Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

**Transfer Out:**

**John Admiraal**, who has transferred his membership to Oakland CRC, Hamilton, MI.

# Calendar

## **Sunday, February 15**

Morning Worship .....	8:40 AM
10 O'Clock hour.....	10:00 AM
Morning Worship .....	11:00 AM
Bells Gloria.....	4:00 PM
Barnabas Group, LL.....	4:15 PM
7-12 Choir .....	4:40 PM
CREW, Vault .....	5:30 PM
Evening Worship .....	6:00 PM
Young Adult Small Group, Parlor.....	7:15 PM

## **Monday, February 16**

Take a Peek Tour.....	12:00 PM
Youth: Spa Day Decorating.....	1:00 PM
Comfort & Care, Library.....	1:00 PM
Evangelistic Outreach, Library .....	5:30 PM
Youth Ed Committee, Parlor .....	6:30 PM
Fellowship Committee, 200 .....	7:30 PM

## **Tuesday, February 17**

Spa Day.....	12:00 PM
Knitting Group, Parlor .....	1:15 PM
Bells Jubilate.....	6:15 PM
Spiritual Formation, Library .....	7:00 PM

## **Wednesday, February 18**

Men's Morning Bible Study.....	8:00 AM
Wednesday Women's Bible Study.....	9:00 AM
Spiritual Journey Bible Study, Rec Room.....	9:30 AM
Wednesday Mid-Morning Bible Study.....	10:00 AM
His Collection, Council.....	12:30 PM
Intercessory Prayer, Chapel .....	1:15 PM
3-6 Grade Choir .....	5:15 PM
Koinonia Meal, MPR .....	5:15 PM
Ash Wednesday Service .....	6:15 PM
Faith Journey Bible Study.....	6:30 PM
GEMS.....	7:00 PM
Youth Outdoors.....	7:00 PM
Chancel Choir.....	7:00 PM

Social Concerns, 200 ..... 7:00 PM

### **Thursday, February 19**

Beth Moore and More Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM

Men's Coffee, Council ..... 10:00 AM

Pastoral Care Committee, Parlor ..... 4:00 PM

### **Friday, February 20**

Men's Morning Bible Study ..... 8:30 AM

Mom's Fellowship, 200 ..... 9:30 AM

## **Sunday Volunteers**

### **Assisting This Week: February 15**

#### **Security:**

8:40: Charles VanEerden, Doug VanBeek

9:30-11:30: Tom Oostema

11:00: Matt Alcumbrack, Colton Alcumbrack

#### **Greeters:**

8:40: Sharon Etheridge, Jack & Dottie VandeGutche

11:00: Marge Snoeyink, Denise DeGraaf

6:00: Ana VanderVelde, Doug & Linda VanBeek

#### **Ushers:**

8:40: Ben DeGraaf, Sally Jonker, Brent Busscher, Eli Walcott

11:00: Jim Oppenhuizen, Luther Ajim, Matt Scholten,  
Dan Stoffer

6:00: Brad Post

### **Assisting Next Week: February 22**

#### **Security:**

8:40: Charlie Kornoelje, Haley Kornoelje

9:30-11:30: David Scrace

11:00: Ben Nagel, Gary Palmer

#### **Greeters:**

8:40: Laurie Termaat, Jane Tol

11:00: John & Barbara Curphey, Jack & Deb Nuiver

6:00: Bev Clover, Elaine DeStigter

#### **Ushers:**

8:40: Karel de Waal Malefyt, Peter Ackerman,  
Caleb Ackerman, Ben Nagel

11:00: Dave Tornga, Mitch Schroder, Sally Jonker, Dan Stoffer

6:00: Pete Clover

# Sermon Notes



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