

## The Announcement

### Part Two of “Can You Hear the Melody?”

The melody of God’s providence has led centuries of twists and turns, crescendos and decrescendos, to preserve the promise of a Redeemer. Threats and risks nearly crush the promise, but God’s providence endures right down to the dusty manger in Bethlehem.

As the time approached for the Child to enter our world, God’s melody of promise became a stirring announcement. God sent the angel Gabriel to announce the coming Christ to a highly favored young virgin. Mary was overawed by the announcement, but with comfort, Gabriel reminds her, “Nothing is impossible with God.”

Mary isn’t the only one to receive an angelic announcement... Joseph, Mary’s betrothed, gets his own special message. He is to become the earthly steward of the world’s greatest gift. More than a few doubts must have lodged in his heart as he contemplated welcoming the young Savior into his family.

As the days neared for the birth of Christ’s, other announcements were needed, for indeed the heavenly messengers could not withhold the news. Bursting out in glorious song, the angels sang the rejoicing melody to the religiously despised Shepherds in the field:

From God our heavenly Father

A blessed angel came,

And unto certain shepherds

Brought tidings of the same,

How that in Bethlehem was born

The Son of God by name

The announcement reached foreign lands as Magi compelled by the message of hope travelled to bow before King Jesus.

The announcement was a signal that the melody was nearing crescendo, the promise of restoration approached fulfillment. The centuries of longing and waiting were yielding to a day of magnificent celebration. Sing forth the announcement, let all the world rejoice, for a Child is nearing his arrival on earth to save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray.

Can you hear the melody?

*This reflection was written by Bill Kuhn, who is the V.P. of Student Development/Campus Chaplain at Crown College.*



## WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW CHAPEL

Sunday, December 6, 2020 / Worship 10AM

Advent Wreath

1 Peter 2:9-10

Invocation

Song

Silent Night

Welcome & Announcements

Song

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Song

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Children’s Program Part 2 & Bell Choir – Away In A Manger

Prayer

Jeff

Message

LIGHT–A Place In The Son

*Pastor Dave Havener*

Communion

Song

Jesus Saves

Benediction

Sermons are available online at:

<https://www.lakeviewowego.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewowego>

## Events and Information

**POINSETTIAS** – If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the front of the church, please fill out the order form in your bulletin and place it in the offering box or church office. Orders must be in today.

### **ANGEL TREE AND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**

Gift drop off is planned for Saturday, December 12, 2020. Please be sure to return wrapped gifts to the church by Wednesday, December 9, 2020. If you're purchasing clothing, we are asking that you provide a gift receipt. Please contact Holly with questions.

**LUNCH ON THE GO** – Lakeview Chapel will provide Lunch on the Go next Sunday, December 13. Meals will be distributed out of the glass foyer area from 11:15 to 11:45 AM as you exit the church. Help will be provided for anyone who needs to exit by the ramp. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Kelly or one of the Loaves and Fishes Team members.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** – Our Christmas Eve service will be held Thursday, December 24 at 6 PM. If you or your family would like to participate in lighting a candle or scripture reading, please see Pastor Dave.

**C&MA 40 DAYS OF PRAYER** – Begins January 3, 2021 but you need to register now to receive daily devotional reflections with applications for all ages, livestream events and weekly virtual prayer gatherings. Sign-up at <https://www.cmalliance.org>

### **TRAINING GROUND 2021/ VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

This one-day online training event will be held on Saturday, January 30. For pastors, ministry leaders and volunteers. Cost \$25 per person. For more information and to register go to: [www.TrainingGroundNED.com](http://www.TrainingGroundNED.com)

**YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES** - There are many good opportunities to give to worthy causes at the end of each year. Here are a few that Lakeview Chapel endorses and how you can contact or give to each one.

- C&MA Year-End Offering - Mark your gift "Year-End Offering" and place it in the Offering Box or give online at <https://www.cmalliance.org/yearend> Offerings will be received until December 27.
- Angel Tree – Mark you gift "Angel Tree" and place it in the Offering Box or give online at <https://www.prisonfellowship.org>

## Small Group Ministry

### **Small Groups**

#### **Adult Group** (Led by Steve & Kristie)

Meeting Friday evenings at 7 PM at Steve & Kristie's home. For more information, call the church office (607)-687-3261.

#### **Bible Study Groups**

##### **Women's Bible Study** (Led by Anne)

Tuesday mornings 9:30 AM at Lakeview. Meeting in the Sanctuary. Reviewing '*Momentum: Pursuing God's Blessings Through the Beatitudes*' by Colin S. Smith.

##### **Men's Bible Study** (Led by Pastor Dave)

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

##### **Women's Bible Study** (Led by Mickey)

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the first-floor classroom by the stairs. Studying '*The Daniel Prayer*' by Anne Graham Lotz.

**Prayer Group** (Led by Art) Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the church office.

## Wednesday Night Youth Programs (6:30-8 PM)

**IMPACT** (Teen Group 6th–12th grade) Meeting at Lakeview.

## This Weeks Calendar

Tuesday	9:30 PM	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 PM	DMC Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting, IMPACT (Teen Group)
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 PM	Administrative Board Meeting
Friday	7:00 PM	Adult Small Group

**We're building a community of faith in God  
that LIVES WELL but not by SIGHT.**