

Part One of “Can You Hear the Melody?”

With all the hustle and hurry around Christmastime, it’s often the melodies of Christmas hymns that carry the marvel and wonder of the season. Gifts are forgotten. Decorations get taken down. The family tree loses its needles. But the carols serve as a thread that connects our Christmas memories with enduring melodies and a timeless message. As familiar songs fill the crisp December air, the hymns become a promise of a coming day of celebration and joy in remembrance of Christ’s birth.

Promise plays an important part in Christmas history. When the good world God created was spoiled by humanity’s rebellion against her Creator, God made a promise to save and restore. This simple promise was that a Child from Eve would restore the brokenness caused by sin.

And so, the restoration song began...

Years passed, and another promise was made, this time to a homeless old man named Abram. In Genesis 12, God tells Abram, later Abraham, that a Child from his family would bless all nations. What a promise! And it seemed like at every turn, an obstacle to this promise mounted. Would the Child ever arrive?

Again, decades passed, and the promise was renewed once again. This time to a shepherd turned warrior, turned King. David was offered a promise of a Child who would have an everlasting Kingdom. So the Child of Eve that would save the world would also involve a coming King. Promise upon promise, the line narrowed from which the Child would come.

As the prophets arrived on the scene, we heard another promise: The Child would come from a virgin and be born in Bethlehem.

The Old Testament has a “glorious song of old” – the song of promises signified the coming of a Savior, and people longed for the promise to be fulfilled. The promise-song permeated their festivals, animal sacrifices, and celebrations. With ever-increasing clarity, God revealed His plan. Like a conductor of the world’s greatest symphony, He directs the affairs of the universe around the first arrival of the promised King.

Can you imagine a greater melody?! A song of promise punctured throughout all of history, each channeling humanity’s hope to a coming Child. If you listen closely... you can still hear the melody of anticipation today ushering in the worship of the newborn King.

Can you hear the melody?

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WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW CHAPEL **Sunday, November 29, 2020 / Worship 10AM**

Advent Wreath	PROMISE	Psalm 77:11-15a
Invocation		
Song		O Come O Come Emmanuel
Welcome & Announcements		
Song		Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Song		Angels We Have Heard On High
Responsive Reading		Psalm 77
Children’s Christmas Program Part 1 & Bell Choir		
Prayer		<i>Chad</i>
Message		PROMISE–Promise Keep <i>Pastor Dave Havener</i>
Song		Jesus Saves
Song		Your Name (Christmas Version)
Benediction		

Sermons are available online at:
<https://www.lakeviewowego.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewowego>

Events and Information

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Thank you to all those who donated items, packed shoeboxes, and helped with collection week. Lakeview collected a total of 1,525 shoeboxes.

5 TH SUNDAY OF PRAYER – Tonight at 6 PM we'll hold a praise and prayer meeting at the church. We'll focus our minds and hearts on the FIRST coming of Jesus that we celebrate this Advent and pray and prepare for His SECOND coming as King.

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 by December 6.

ANGEL TREE AND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS - Angel Tree is the prison ministry that we have participated in for years, and Community Christmas is a new program to serve community members who have reached out for some help this Christmas season. 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.

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>

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 put it in the Offering Box or give online at <https://www.cmalliance.org/yearend> Offerings will be received until December 27.
- Operation Christmas Child – Mark you gift "Operation Christmas Child" and put it in the Offering Box or give online at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org>
- Angel Tree – Mark you gift "Angel Tree" and put 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 AM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting, IMPACT (Teen Group)
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study
Friday	7:00 PM	Adult Small Group

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that LIVES WELL but not by SIGHT.**