

CHRISTMAS IN THREE MOVEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2018 – 4:00 PM

The Prelude:

“On Christmas Night”

Lynn Petersen

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Janet Linker

“Before the Marvel of This Night”

Carl Schalk

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 89:1,2,4

“On Christmas Night”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Reading: Luke 2:1-7

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 86

“Away in a Manger”

The Welcome

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I. Hurrying

(The Shepherds Came with Haste . . .)

The Reading: Luke 2:8-20 (pg. 1593)

The Meditation

*The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 76

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

II. Being Amazed

(. . . they that heard it wondered at those things)

The Meditation

The Carol: Worship & Rejoice 225:1-3

“I Wonder as I Wander”

III. Treasuring

(. . . but Mary pondered these things in her heart)

The Meditation

The Carol: Lift Up Your Hearts 85

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

Let us give thanks for the Child of Bethlehem!

Jesus is our Savior!

He gave his life to rescue us.

Jesus is our Shepherd!

He leads our lives and keeps us safe.

Jesus is our Friend!

He listens to us; he shares our joys and our sadness.

Jesus is our Prophet!

He speaks God’s promises to us; he declares God’s commands.

Jesus is our Priest!

He pleads our cause daily.

Jesus is our King!

He guards and keeps us in the freedom he won for us.

Jesus is our Lord!

He protects us—in life and in death we belong to him.

Jesus is our Life!

He conquered death for us. Risen with him, we enjoy new life.

Jesus is our Way!

He guides us to his kingdom.

Jesus is our End!

Soon we will be with him, and we will worship him forever and ever.

As we celebrate Christmas, the birthday of Jesus, we rejoice that Jesus came to save us, and we look forward to the day when we will join all who love him and crown him Lord of all.

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 80

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*The Postlude:

“Fantasy on *He Is Born*”

Richard Hudson

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist
Sara Good – organist
Anne and Grace Dekker – readers

Christmas Banners at LaGrave: The primary sanctuary color of Christmas is white, symbolizing the purity and holiness of Jesus. The Christ child born in the manger was truly God and truly man. The only respect in which his humanity differed from you and me is that Jesus was perfect and lived a sinless life. It was that very sinless life that enabled him to take our sins upon himself.

The gold color represents the kingship of Christ. The colors in the banners bring together the First Advent, purple; the birth of Christ, white; and the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent, gold, in the joy and celebration of Christmas. Christ, our King, is born!



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