

A snowy forest scene with a lit street lamp and a person in a yellow coat standing next to it. The scene is set in a dense forest of evergreen trees heavily laden with snow. A single street lamp stands in the center, its light glowing warmly. A person wearing a bright yellow coat and a brown skirt stands with their back to the camera, looking towards the lamp. The overall atmosphere is serene and magical.

CHRISTMAS IN
NARNIA

DECEMBER 30, 2018

PRELUDE “Variations on PUER NOBIS”

arr. Raymond Haan

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “From Heaven Came the Angels Bright” [LW 52, v. 1-4]

OPENING LITURGY *from Psalm 111*

RESPONSE “From Heaven Came the Angels Bright” [LW 52, v. 5-6]

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Romans 13:8-14** [NIV]

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

R: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL VERSE “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” [verse 1]

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 2:25-35** [NIV]

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

³³The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

P: Alleluia! My eyes have seen Your salvation;

C: **A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Alleluia!**

STATEMENT of FAITH *based on John 1:1-5, 10-14, 3:16*

HYMN "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

SERMON "EDMUND"

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"What Child Is This"

arr. John Behnke

Organ

"What Child is This" [LW 61]

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

POSTLUDE "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

arr. Jason Payne

SERMON: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

LITURGIST: *John Vawar*

CONNECT *Mark your calendars!*

WORSHIP

- This Is Christ: Upcoming Sermon Series | January 2019

ADULT

- Un-Decorating Day | Sunday, January 6 | After 11am Worship | *Light Lunch provided*
- Peace Blood Drive | Carter Blood Care | Sunday, January 13 | 8:15am-12:45pm

WOMEN

- Breathe Life Ministries Women's Conference | January 18-19, 2019 | **Register Online**

YOUTH

- HS Youth Night | Beginning January 6 | 6-8pm | Kindred Coffee
- All New Middle School Hangout | Beginning January 13 | 6pm | Youth Rec

The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 24 - Tuesday, January 1

