



Christmas With Wartburg

Friday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m.
Nazareth Lutheran Church
University and Main
Cedar Falls

Saturday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Plymouth Congregational
United Church of Christ
4126 Ingersoll
Des Moines

Christmas At Wartburg

Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium
Wartburg College

Monday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Neumann Auditorium
Wartburg College

A NEW SONG (Psalm 96)

The audience is kindly requested to refrain from
applause until the completion of the program.

Preludial Music

Savior of the Nations
Sussex Carol
Variations
Noel Suisse
Silent Night
Christmas Concerto
In dulci jubilo
Variations on Where Have the Shepherds Gone

J. S. Bach
Arr. by Peter Crisafulli
Paul Koch
Claude DaQuin
Arr. by Thomas Gieschen
Arcangelo Corelli
Michael Praetorius
Claude Balbastre

HOW CAN WE GREET THE LORD WITH A NEW SONG?

O Lord, How Shall We Greet You? (O How Shall I Receive You)

J. Robert Hanson

Out of the depths have I cried.
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far from helping me, from
the words of my groaning?
How shall I sing the Lord's song by the waters of Babylon?

By the Waters of Babylon (Psalm 137)

Negro Spiritual Melody
arr. Jester Hairston

GOD COMES TO THE EARTH WITH A NEW SONG

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled.
This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be
enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of
Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the
house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

Ah, Bleak and Chill the Wintry Wind . . . The Night That Christ Was Born

Alfred Burt

And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her
first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there
was no place for them in the inn.

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
(Sung by the Assembly)

V. Schumann

From heav'n above to earth I come To bring good news to ev'ryone!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring To all the world, and gladly sing:

To you this night is born a child Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This new-born child of lowly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.

This is the Christ, God's Son most high, Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will himself your Savior be And from all sin will set you free.

O Lord, you have created all! How did you come to be so small,
To sweetly sleep in manger-bed Where lowing cattle lately fed?

Were earth a thousand times as fair And set with gold and jewels rare,
Still such a cradle would not do To rock a prince so great as you.

For God so loved the world as to give God's only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

arr. John Rutter

Dialogues on In Dulci Jubilo (Christ Is Born Today)

John Zdechlik

ANGELS GREET THE LORD WITH A NEW SONG

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Angels We Have Heard On High (from Carol Fantasy)

Norman Lockwood

MARY GREETSS THE LORD WITH A NEW SONG

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Silent Night, Holy Night
(Sung by Assembly)

Franz Gruber

*Silent night, Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from your holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.*

Mary sang, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for God has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for God who is mighty has done great things for me."

What Child Is This?

arr. Dale Warland

When the shepherds saw it, they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

Sleep, Baby Mine

Alfred Burt

THE WHOLE WORLD GREETS THE LORD WITH A NEW SONG

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."

We Three Kings of Orient Are (from Carol Fantasy)

Norman Lockwood

When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was.

A Star Carol

Alfred Burt

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

*Joy to the World
(Sung by Assembly)*

George F. Handel

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room And heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sin and sorrow grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness And wonders of his love.*

Sing to the Lord, bless the name; tell of salvation from day to day. Declare God's glory among the nations, what marvelous works among all the peoples! Sing to the Lord, all the earth; O sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord a New Song (Psalm 96)

Frank Bencriscutto

CHRISTMAS AT WARTBURG

Wartburg College remains faithful to its Christian heritage. This is evident each December with its eloquent and meaningful Christmas at Wartburg productions.

The event evolved from the tradition of group caroling that was popular when Wartburg College was located in Clinton, Iowa. The first formal program, a candlelight service, was assembled during the 1930s by Phi Sigma, a women's organization. When Wartburg moved back to Waverly, the program was sponsored by the organization, Chi Rho, whose members were religion and pre-seminary students. Dr. Conrad Becker, president from 1945-64, suggested offering the program to the community as Wartburg's gift, and it remains the college's offering to its constituencies.

The strength of Christmas at Wartburg's message and the quality of the music attract large audiences. What originally was a single performance expanded into two on-campus productions. In 1980, Christmas at Wartburg was staged in Waterloo and Cedar Falls, where it was called Christmas With Wartburg, and in 1986, Des Moines was added to its itinerary.

For many in the audience, the early December performances are timed as a fitting opening to the Advent Season. For students, the performances climax the academic year's Fall Term and are among the last events scheduled before final examination week.

Students begin rehearsing months in advance of the December performances. Four major music organizations, involving some 170 musicians, participate. Each organization has a rich performance history. Three of them conduct international tours every fourth year and other years take a 10-day tour in a different region of the U.S. The 75-voice Wartburg Choir includes a Chamber Choir of 26 voices. The Wartburg Concert Band has 60 musicians, and the Castle Singers number 18 vocalists and four instrumentalists. The Wartburg Chamber Orchestra, with 10 members, does not tour but gives frequent on-campus performances. Music students represent almost every academic discipline at the college.

Wartburg College is a private, four-year, liberal arts college, located in Waverly, Iowa. It offers four degrees on the bachelor's level: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education, and Bachelor of Applied Arts or Science. A student may choose from 45 majors and 24 professional programs. Wartburg is a coeducational college of 1,300 students. It is affiliated with the Lutheran church and is proud of its 135-year history.

The name Wartburg honors the German landmark, Wartburg Castle, which is located in the German Democratic Republic near Eisenach. The castle has a 900-year history. During the stormy days of the Reformation, it served as a refuge for Martin Luther, who translated the New Testament into German there in 1521. Bach was born near Eisenach in 1685, and the Wartburg car is manufactured there today.

Wartburg instructors care deeply about a student as an individual. The student finds that individual attention is assumed, and faculty instruction invites active participation rather than passive learning. The 75 faculty members form a close living-learning community with students. Some 60 percent of the faculty hold earned doctoral degrees.