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Prelude

Besancon-People, Look East

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Greeting

God is good

All the time.

And all the time.

God is good.

Advent Candle Lighting - Gloria Browne Daly

Response: **The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.**

***Hymn – insert “Advent 2”**

1. Kindle this flame of peace. May it burn bright and true.

Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

2. God’s realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.

Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.

***Call to Confession**

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You call us into a relationship with you, comforting God, but we are too busy right now to listen. We flock to the stores run by temptation and seduction, seeking the best prices. We rush to judge everyone around us, but ask you to be more patient with our repeated errors. We feast at the table piled high with broken promises and drink from the cup of fading dreams. You continue to cry out to us, speaking to us of your love. Forgiveness is the gift for every moment, not just one day; hope is our constant companion as we journey with Jesus the Christ, who is your Messenger of mercy. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (*A sign of peace is exchanged*)

***Gloria Hymn #113 chorus**

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

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Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.**Children's Chat**

Rick Boyer

Second Reading Mark 1:1-8

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Thanks be to God.**Sermon***A Word of Promise*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn Number: 87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

1. "Comfort, comfort now my people;
tell of peace!" So says our God.

"Comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning under sorrow's load.

To my people now proclaim
that my pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cover,
and their warfare now is over."

2. For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance,
since the reign of God is here.

O, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way.
Let the valleys rise in meeting
and the hills bow down in greeting.

3. Straight shall be what long was crooked,
and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's word is never broken

***Affirmation of Faith -Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People**Offering**

Musical Offering

Make Straight in the Desert a Highway
Chancel Choir

John Carter

***Praise God (Hymn #608)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise Christ, all people here below;
 praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

***Hymn #143 Angels, From The Realms of Glory**

**1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
 wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 you, who sang creation's story,
 now proclaim Messiah's birth:
 come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn king!**

**2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
 watching o'er your flocks by night,
 God with us is now residing;
 yonder shines the infant light:
 come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn king!**

**3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
 brighter visions beam afar;
 seek the great desire of nations;
 you have seen his natal star:
 come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn king!**

**4. All creation, join in praising
 God the Father, Spirit, Son,
 evermore your voices raising
 to the eternal Three in One:
 come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn king!**

***Benediction and Congregational Response - Hymn #545 v. 1**

**1. Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
 These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long foretold.**

Postlude