

Date: December 31, 2017
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Pre-Service Music

Greeting

God is good
All the time.
 And all the time.
God is good.

Call to Worship

There is good news of great joy for all!
Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
 Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,
the glory of God's people and a light to all.
 Let us worship God.

***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!**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession**

**God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. You reveal your saving love, but we hide your love from others. You claim us as your children, but we do not claim you as our God. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your will be done in our lives so that we may live in peace according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 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.

***Gloria Hymn #113 chorus**

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Prayer for Illumination**First Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Chat

Rita Boyer

Second Reading Luke 2:22-40

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Sermon

Looking For Redemption

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn #119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

**2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,**

**pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

**3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

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

***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

Sending the Church into Mission

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 # 134 Joy To The World**

**1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

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

**3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.**

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

***Benediction and Congregational Response #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