

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

Greeting

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

Call to Worship

We have seen a star in the East!
God is with us. Light has come!
 We have heard the songs of the angels.
God is with us. Love has come!
 Now we follow the light into the world.
God is with us. Christ has come!

***Hymn #151 We Three Kings of Orient Are**

**1. We three kings of Orient are;
 bearing gifts we traverse afar,
 field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 following yonder star.**

**Refrain:
 O star of wonder, star of night,
 star with royal beauty bright,
 westward leading, still proceeding,
 guide us to thy perfect light!**

**2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
 gold I bring to crown him again,
 King forever, ceasing never
 over us all to reign. (Refrain)**

**3. Frankincense to offer have I;
 incense owns a deity nigh;
 prayer and praising gladly raising,
 worshiping God Most High. (Refrain)**

**4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
 breathes a life of gathering gloom;
 sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
 sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)**

**5. Glorious now behold him arise,
 King and God and Sacrifice:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 sounds through the earth and skies.
 (Refrain)**

***Call to Confession**

***Confession**

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. 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 60:1-6**

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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Children's Chat

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12

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Sermon*In Search of A Savior*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn #158 Born in the Night, Mary's Child**

1. Born in the night, Mary's Child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's Child,
born in a borrowed room.

2. Clear shining light, Mary's Child,
your face lights up our way;
Light of the world, Mary's Child,
dawn on our darkened day.

3. Truth of our life, Mary's Child,
you tell us God is good;
yes, it is true, Mary's Child,
shown on your cross of wood.

4. Hope of the world, Mary's Child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's Child,
walk in our streets again.

Response #564 Amen

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread**Communion of the People**

Communion Music

Moment Musicaus

S. Rachmaninov

Melanie Smith, piano

Original Compositions

Caroline Smith

Caroline Smith, piano

Prayer after Communion

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body.

Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

Commission to Extended Communion Servers

We send you out with this bread and cup to share the feast of the risen Lord.

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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 # 152 What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright**

**1. What star is this, with beams so bright,
more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
glad tidings of our God to bring.**

**2. 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
 "From Jacob shall a star proceed";
 and lo! the eastern sages stand
 to read in heaven the Lord's command.**

**3. While outward signs the star displays,
 an inward light the Lord conveys
 and urges them, with tender might,
 to seek the giver of the light.**

**4. O Jesus, while the star of grace
 impels us on to seek your face,
 let not our slothful hearts refuse
 the guidance of your light to use.**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

Response: Hymn #109 v. 1 Blest Be the God of Israel (Song of Zechariah)

**1. Blest be the God of Israel,
 who comes to set us free;
 who visits and redeems us,
 who grants us liberty.
 The prophets spoke of mercy,
 of freedom and release;
 God shall fulfill that promise
 and bring the people peace.**

Postlude