

Date: December 17, 2014
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Pre-Service Music

Greeting

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

Call to Worship (Advent Candle Lighting)

Congregation: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

***Hymn- Advent 3 – Insert**

- 1. Kindle this flame of joy. 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**

***Confession**

Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil? You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us? You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself; why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you? You have sent the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light? Forgive us. Restore us. Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 126:1-6

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.**Second Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.**Musical –*****Great Big Story***
Children's Ensemble

by Allie Lapointe and Dave Clark

***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.

***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

Can You See the Light in Bethlehem?
by Joseph Graham and David Angerman
Chancel Choir
Amanda Blütner, solo

***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 and 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.

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 # 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

verses 1-3, 5, 7

**1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law**

**in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**5. O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

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- 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