

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Greeting

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

Call to Worship (Advent Candle Lighting)

The Lord will give you a sign.
 Look, the young woman is with child.
She shall bear a son,
and name him Emmanuel: "God is with us."

***Hymn #133 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**1. O come, all ye faithful,
 joyful and triumphant;
 O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
 Come, and behold him,
 born the King of angels!
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord!**

**2. True God from true God,
 Light from light eternal,
 born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
 very God, begotten, not created!
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord!**

**3. Sing, choirs of angels;
 sing in exultation;
 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
 Glory to God, all
 glory in the highest!
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord!**

**4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing!
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him;
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ, the Lord!**

Confession and Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Confession**

O God of peace, you surprise us with your unexpected blessings. In the midst of tears, you offer joy. In the midst of judgment, you offer mercy. Forgive us for our begrudging hearts, for all of the times when we chose to stay the same rather than accept your invitation to be transformed into new life. 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.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Micah 5:2-5a

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

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Second Reading Luke 1:39-45

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

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Sermon

Angels Say What ?!

By Nick Robertson, Anna Clarke, & Alisen Wells
 Prospect Children's Ensemble

***Hymn Number: 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**1. O little town of Bethlehem,
 how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 the silent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 the everlasting light;
 the hopes and fears of all the years
 are met in thee tonight.**

**2. For Christ is born of Mary
 and, gathered all above,
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep
 their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together
 proclaim the holy birth,
 and praises sing to God the king,
 and peace to all on earth.**

**3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.**

**4. O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!**

***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

Thanksgiving

Offering

Musical Offering

What Child Is This?

Arr. Russell Robinson

***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

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 #136 Go Tell It On the Mountain**

Refrain:

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**

**2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)**

**1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. (Refrain)**

**3. Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)**

***Benediction and Congregational 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