

**Prospect Presbyterian Church
December 30, 2018
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Prelude

Greeting Rick and Congregation

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

Call to Worship

The peace of Christ now rules in our hearts.
We give thanks that in Christ, we are one body!
The word of Christ now dwells with us.
Let our hearts sing today with gratitude and praise!
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.**

Confession and Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Confession**

Holy God, we have seen the Christ child in the manger, and we know that you are a light to all people. Forgive us when our lives are not shaped by the Christmas story, when our hearts are not open to the leading of your spirit, when our hands are not open to help a neighbor in need. Speak your good news to us once more, forgive us, and bring us peace. 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 Luke 2:41-52**

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

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Children's Chat

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Second Reading Psalm 148

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Sermon*Hope That Sings*

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

***Hymn Number: 159 O Sing A Song of Bethlehem**

**1. O sing a song of Bethlehem,
of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them
from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem
fills all the world today.
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
the angels sing alway.**

**2. O sing a song of Nazareth,
of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,
and of the sinless boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth
in every heart may grow.
Now spreads the fame of his dear name
on all the winds that blow.**

**3. O sing a song of Galilee,
of lake and woods and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea
and bade its waves be still.
For though, like waves on Galilee,
dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word,
falls peace upon the soul.**

**4. O sing a song of Calvary,
its glory and dismay,
of him who hung upon the tree,
and took our sins away.
For he who died on Calvary
is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,
is mighty now to save.**

***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

Response: ...draw us together in peace.

Thanksgiving

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 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 # 147 The First Nowell**

**1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay,
in fields where they
lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night
that was so deep.**

Refrain:

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

**2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued
both day and night. (Refrain)**

**3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came
from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star
wherever it went. (Refrain)**

**4. This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
(Refrain)**

**5. Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
(Refrain)**

**6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
(Refrain)**

***Benediction and Congregational Response Rick and Congregation**

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**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