

## PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Rev. William Gipe

Office Administrator – Cheryl Chandler

Music Director – Dixie Forbes-Gorby

Organist – Pat McCall

Parish Nurse – Virginia Stewart, RN

## THE SESSION

### Class of 2020

Nick Cornett

Frances Ann Neel

Mike Stacy

Walter Teeter

Clerk of Session: Dale Burges

Treasurer: Becky Hart

### Class of 2021

Dale Burgess

Becky Hart

Vance Moore

Edie Steele

Asst. Treasurer: Bob Edmiston

### Class of 2022

Connie Brown

Reid Goodman

Brian Jackson

Joy Miller

## SESSION COMMITTEES

**Administration and Personnel** – Frances Ann Neel & Walter Teeter\*

**Building and Grounds** – Reid Goodman, Brian Jackson & Mike Stacy\*

**Christian Education and Fellowship** – Dale Burgess\*

**Mission** – Vance Moore\* & Edie Steele

**Nurture and Care** – Joy Miller & Frances Ann Neel\*

**Stewardship & Finance** – Becky Hart\*

**Worship and Music** – Connie Brown & Nick Cornett \*

(\* Chairman of Committee)

## TRUSTEES

Walter Teeter (2020)

Becky Hart (2021)

Brian Jackson (2022)

## USHERS

Chairperson – Tommy McLelland

January, May, September – Chip Atwell

February, June, October – Dan Edmiston

March, July, November – Matt Hagerty

April, August, December – Tommy McLelland

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Co-Moderators – Connie Brown & Lee Williams

Secretary – Melody Morrison

Treasurer – Becky Hart

Historian – Pam Beaver

Bereavement Team – Sharron Clanton

## CIRCLE CHAIRPERSONS

ACTS/Lettie Beatty Circle – Virginia Edmiston & Mary Lowrance

Ruth Circle – Lynn Britz & Judy Brumley

Serendipity Circle – Joy Miller



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Prospect Presbyterian Church

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent*

November 29, 2020

9:30am & 11:00 am

*Entrance of the Light of Christ*

*Acolyte*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you notice a new face, please take a moment greet them & welcome them to Prospect Presbyterian Church.*

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. Hamlin

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Candle of Hope Connie & Erskine Smith

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM *Advent Hymn* Nockels  
*Dixie Forbes-Gorby, Soloist*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Haan

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 12: 9-21**

SERMON Rev. William Gipe

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH **The Apostles' Creed**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *An Advent Postlude* Callahan

*The Light of Christ goes before Us into the World*

*Acolyte*

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit CCLI#2659202 +Latecomers may be seated  
Please place all cell phones and pagers on silent. Thank you.**

**WE GREET YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST AND WELCOME** all who worship here today. We trust that our service of worship will enable you to sense the presence of God & the fellowship of God's people. A nursery is available for our youngest friends in the educational building. We would love to have you become part of our church family. Please speak to any of the elders at the doors as you exit to receive more information about our congregation. We invite you to worship with us again soon.

*The lovely flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Evelyn and Kenneth Lowrance and Kenny Lowrance by Mary and Allen Lowrance.*

*The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to the family of Annie Louise Fesperman Beeker as she passed away on Monday, November 23, 2020. Ms. Beeker's funeral and burial were held here at Prospect Presbyterian Church on Friday, November 27, 2020.*

*The family of Kenny and Linda Seamon would like to wish them a very Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, by Jaime, Amzie, Kolton & Eliza Hovis and Kristie, Rob and Ethan Fallows.*

**REMINDER:** Just a reminder to everyone that the **GREEN** tape on the pews is for the 9:30 am worship service & the **BLUE** tape on the pews is for the 11:00 am worship service. Also, remember that we have mask & hand sanitizer available for you. We are **STRONGLY** encouraging everyone to wear a mask. Stay 6 feet apart, wash your hands often, do not touch your face & wear a mask. Please be aware of this and stay safe.

**Today, the First Advent** candle will be lit by Mr. & Mrs. Erskine Smith.

**2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 8:** The **Second Advent** candle will be lit by the Haggerty family, Candace, Matthew, and Remi Haggerty.

**Our organist, Pat McCall,** would like to have your BJ's coupon books when you are finished with them. She will pass them on to a friend at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, who will use them to purchase items for their Food for Days program. Please give them to her or leave them on the organ bench or the piano bench in the choir room. Thank you very much for your support!

**During the advent season, we will display poinsettias** in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 20th. Poinsettias will be available for purchase for \$7 each. We will **ONLY** order what is paid for in advance. **Orders and payment must be received in the church office by Thursday, December 17th.** You may reserve your poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special in your life by signing the chart in the commons area. Please make your check to Prospect Presbyterian Church and indicate it is for the poinsettias. A list of those remembered will be in the bulletin on Sunday, December 20th.

**For Prayer:**

**Missionary:**

Justin & Kristen Raymer (African Island Mission in Washington DC)

Brian & Christy Ward (Spokane, Washington)

Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)

**Local Church:**

Fieldstone Presbyterian Church, Mooresville

**Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:**

Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)

Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)

Tom George (Elderwood Assisted Living, Hamburg, NY)

Edith Lewis (Citadel – Mooresville)

Harriet Lipe (Citadel-Mooresville)

**Please Remember:**

Vi LaShomb	Perry Teeter
Anita & Wyatt Fesperman	Pam Beaver
Carl & Mary Agnes Wiggins	Helen Lyerly
Jackie McKnight	Pearl Bell
Dick & Ginny Bennett	Rachel Powers
Debbie Craven	Carol & Larry Stutts
Jo Powers	Kay Edmiston
Barbara Ussery	Martha Brown
Allen Lowrance	Beeker Family

**Friends & Family of the Congregation:**

Judy Palmquisk (*friend of the Howie family*)

Patricia Harbison (*MS, daughter of Wayne Connolly*)

Lee Ann Clay (*Breast Cancer, sister to Wayne Chandler*)

Joyce Ervin Caldwell (*Melanoma of the eye, niece of Phyllis Carrigan*)

Kim Lambeth (*Cancer, Rachel Marlowe's mother*)

Judy Overcash (*Cancer, home bound in our community*)

Jeff Reid (*Leukemia, cousin of Pam Seamon*)

Brandon Mundy (*Stage II Hodgkin's Lymphoma, husband of Kaitlyn H. Mundy*)

Larry Abel (*family of Mary Beth Edmiston*)

Scott Brady (*Male Breast Cancer, friends of the Chandlers*)

Linda Abel (*Health Issues family of Mary Beth Edmiston*)

Emory McLaurin (*Cancer, friend of Jean Gibson*)

Beth Segui (*Parkinson, Daughter of Betty Alexander*)

Elaine Holt Brown (*Breast Cancer, 1st Cousin of Mary & Allen Lowrance*)

Pressley Cashion (*Bladder Cancer, brother of Becky Hart*)

Whitaker Raymer (*Cancer, Missionary Child*)

Ellen Goldstein (*Cousin of Becky Hart*)

Tina Davis (*Cancer, friend of Edie Steele*)

Rita Purvis (*Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, friend Brown Family*)

**This Week at Prospect:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent, November 29, 2020**

9:30 am – Worship Service / 2 Cents A Meal Offering

11:00 am – Worship Service / 2 Cents A Meal Offering

**Monday, November 30, 2020**

11:00 am - Exercise Class

6:30 pm – Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

6:00 pm – Youth Group

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

10:00 am – ACTS/Lettie Beaty Circle

7:00 pm - Bible Study w/Rev. Gipe

**Thursday, December 3, 2020**

10:00 am - Bible Study w/Rev. Gipe

11:00 am - Exercise Class

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent, December 6, 2020**

9:30 am – Worship Service

11:00 am – Worship Service

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

**No Church Service**

## Greetings from your Health Ministry!!

- **Today is the First Sunday of Advent.** "Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming". May each of us begin today, to prepare our hearts, minds, spirit & body, for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the soon returning of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Begin preparation today by finding a quiet place to be still, clear your mind and think about the gift of Jesus for 5 minutes. Do this each day for 5 minutes, then listen. Jesus is Hope.
- **EXERCISE Continues-** Please join us on Mondays & Thursdays at 11am in the FLC. The church is a great place to walk & pray.
- **We are putting together 30 Christmas Bags** for our Homebound Church Members. If you want to help, please put your items in the Session Room. Ideas include sugar free snacks, candy, puddings, applesauce, Large Print Search-A-Word or Crossword Books, chap stick, lotion, notecards, etc. Bags will be assembled early in December.
- Medicare Open Enrollment continues through December 15, 2020.
- **Flu Season** will be here soon. Have you gotten your Flu Shot yet? If not and you want to, please do it SOON!!!
- As we enter the cold & Flu Season and Covid continues, please remember to be proactive & practice prevention of sickness by:
  - \*wash your hands - often & for 20 seconds.
  - \*maintain social distancing of 6ft from non-family members.
  - \*wear a mask when out in public or with non-family members.
  - \*practice disinfecting & cleaning frequently touched surfaces/items.
  - \*if you have a fever of 100.3 or higher, coughing/sneezing, Flu like symptoms or are sick or think you are sick, Please Stay Home.
- If you are sick, please call the church office so we may check on you.

**Joy Gift Offering.** In December, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering dates back to the 1930's when the Southern Presbyterian Church began to supplement the inadequate retirement income of former missionaries, ministers and church workers. 50% of this year's offering goes to aid needy retirees with the Board of Pensions and 50% goes to help Presbyterian racial and ethnic schools and colleges to continue their operations in these tough economic times. **The Joy Gift offering will be received on Sunday, December 20th.** Envelopes will be provided.

**Stewardship Reminder!** We hope you will remember that God gives us more than enough to be generous in the support of the ministry of Jesus Christ through Prospect Church. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible so that we may begin our budget planning for next year. They can also be mailed in to the church office or dropped in the offering plate today. Thank you for your continuing and generous support of God's work in this place. Extra pledge cards are available in the Narthex.