

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prospect Presbyterian Church

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Organized 1824



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday in Advent

December 20, 2020

9:30am & 11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Mitchell-Wallace
Richard Woods, Saxophone

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Candle of Peace Mundy Family

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: *Jeb Pemberton*

ANTHEM *Breathe of Heaven* Eaton-Grant
Dixie Forbes-Gorby, Soloist

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Christmas Angels* Raney
Richard Woods, Saxophone

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 1: 18-25**
Psalm 23

SERMON Rev. William Gipe

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *In Dulci Jubilo* Bach

***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.*

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.

We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism for Jeb Pemberton today during the 11:00 am worship service. Jeb is the son of Sharron Elaine Dallas and Jerome Arnold Pemberton.

***Prospect Presbyterian Church** would like to welcome Jeb Pemberton to our congregation during the 11:00 am worship service. Jeb will be joining the church by baptism. Please take a moment to welcome them to our church family.*

Today, the Fourth Advent Candle Peace, will be lit by Kaitlyn and Brandon Mundy during the morning worship service.

Today the Joy Gift Offering will be taken. 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. Envelopes is provided.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Thursday, December 24th: At 9:00 pm, we will hold our traditional Candlelight and Communion Service. The **Advent** candles will be lit by the Moore Family, Paul, Emily, Allison & William. Bring your family and friends to this glorious night of worship and welcome Christ again into your hearts.

The church office will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Monday, December 28th for the Christmas holiday, and Thursday, December 31st for the New Year's Day holiday.

For Prayer:

Missionary:

Justin & Kristen Raymer (African Island Mission in Washington DC)
Brian & Christy Ward (Spokane, Washington)
Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)

Local Church:

Unity United Methodist Church, Kannapolis

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:

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| 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 | Linda Brooks |

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Bruce & Justin Simmons (*friends of Candace Simmons Jackson*)
Frankie Thompson (*Cancer, Cousin of Jean Gibson*)
Judy Palmquist (*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*)
Julia Hallum (*Breast Cancer, granddaughter of Betty Alexander*)
Scott Brady (*Male Breast Cancer, friends of the Chandlers*)
John Clarke (*CL Cancer, uncle of Frances Ann Neel & Lee Williams*)
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:

4th Sunday in Advent, December 20, 2020

9:30 am – Worship Service / Christmas Joy Offering
11:00 am – Worship Service / Christmas Joy Offering

Monday, December 21, 2020

6:30 pm – Boy Scouts

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 2020

Church Office Closed
9:00 pm – Candlelight Communion Worship

1st Sunday of Christmas, December 27, 2020

9:30 am – Worship Service / Christmas Joy Offering
11:00 am – Worship Service / Christmas Joy Offering

Sunday, December 13, 2020

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| <u>Attendance:</u> | Worship: | 95 |
| <u>Offering:</u> | General Fund: | \$7,565 |
| | Development Fund: | \$50 |
| | New Family Life Center: | \$1020 |



Greetings from your Health Ministry!!

- **December 16 - 21, 2020** -Beginning December 16, 45 minutes after Sunset, you will be able to see "The Star of Bethlehem". This is the star believed to have led the "Wise Men" to Jesus. It has not been seen since the 1200's and will culminate on **Monday, December 21st**. On the "darkest day of the year", December 21, God will shine His light-again, into our darkness, chaos, stress, fear, anxiety, etc. Psalm 19:1-4 states, "The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies display his craftsmanship, they speak without a sound or word;..." **Emmanuel, God with us**. If you see this, please let me at virginia.stewart@atriumhealth.org. Thank you.
- NO EXERCISE - DECEMBER 21 through DECEMBER 31. Exercise will resume on January 4th, 2021.
- **December Devotions**- How is your daily devotion going with reading Luke? Learn anything? see something differently? Had a change of heart? We are almost finished. I have learned that Jesus prayed - a lot. You can share your thoughts with me at virginia.stewart@atriumhealth.org.
- Merry Christmas from your Health Ministry and Nurture & Care Committee! We have been busy this week delivering Christmas Bags to our Homebound. 33 were delivered!! Thank you for your support!
- As **Covid** continues, please remember to wear a mask in crowds, wash your hands- **FREQUENTLY**, keep your hands away from your mouth, eyes and nose, support your immune system, **AND** if you are sick, think you're sick, running a fever, **PLEASE STAY HOME** & notify Pastor Will or your church nurse. Thank You!
- **UP COMING FOR JANURARY 2021!** January 5 through February 9, 2021 11am to 12 noon. This class is offered by phone and Zoom, right to your home. When you register, you will receive the kit that accompanies this program. Some topics include pain, breathing problems, mobility issues and includes a booklet, 2 CD's. "Living Healthy Program At-Home Learning Kit with Weekly Support Calls This at-home program will help YOU learn ways to improve your health from the comfort and safety of your own home. Join this 6-week program and talk weekly with people just like you who deal with a chronic condition, such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure and more." See bulletin board for more info. I "Highly Recommend" this program.

Extra pledge cards are available at the back of the sanctuary from the ushers if you did not bring yours today. They can also be mailed into the church office. Making a regular financial commitment and a commitment of your time and talents will enable the ministry of Jesus Christ to thrive in this place. Please prayerfully consider your commitments to God.

Hart Scholarship applications are available in the church office. Completed applications should be put in the box marked "Hart Scholarship Committee" in the commons area. The deadline for applications is February 25, 2021.

The Flower Calendar for 2021 is on the wall outside the church office. If you would like to place flowers in the church for Sunday worship in honor of or in memory of someone special in your life, please choose your Sunday and make your reservation on the calendar.



In memory of William J. Edmiston by Virginia Edmiston
In memory of Frank & Lorene Hooper by Cathy & Michael Steed
In memory of Stephen Heath Brannon by Cathy & Michael Steed
In memory of Keith Hager & Don Howie by the Howie Family
In memory of Sandy and Charles Miller by Chuck Miller
In memory of Ruth and R.W. Maddrey by Joy Miller
In memory of Bob and Lucille Shinn Neel by Frances Ann Neel
In memory of Joe Knox by Van & Violet Knox
In memory of Jason Hamilton by Van, Violet, Jeff & Jenn Knox
In memory of Charles and Margaret Bulifant by Violet Knox
In memory of Ellen & Stormy Brown by Connie & Martha Brown
In memory of George & Cheryl Edwards by Connie & Martha Brown
In memory of Dot Marlowe by Connie & Martha Brown & Lane, Rachel & Madison Marlowe
In memory of Ruth & Walter Staton by June Goodman
In memory of Oscar Goodman by June Goodman

In honor of Evan and Heather Brannen by Cathy & Michael Steed
In honor of Monty and Stephanie Clanton by Cathy & Michael Steed