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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Rev. William Gipe
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Organist – Pat McCall
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THE SESSION

<u>Class of 2021</u>	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Dale Burgess	Connie Brown	Mike Anderson
Becky Hart	Reid Goodman	Bob Edmiston
Vance Moore	Brian Jackson	Shannon Knox
Edie Steele	Joy Miller	Rick Lyerly
Clerk of Session: Dale Burges	•	Beth Stacy

Treasurer: Becky Hart Asst. Treasurer: Bob Edmiston

SESSION COMMITTEES

Administration and Personnel –Bob Edmiston*& Rick Lyerly **Building and Grounds** – Mike Anderson & Brian Jackson*

Christian Education and Fellowship – Dale Burgess* - Shannon Knox

Mission – Vance Moore*& Edie Steele Nurture and Care – Joy Miller*

Outreach – Beth Stacy*

Stewardship & Finance – Becky Hart*

Worship and Music – Connie Brown*(* Chairman of Committee)

TRUSTEES

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Becky Hart (2021) Co-Moderators – Connie Brown & Lee Williams
Brian Jackson (2022) Secretary – Melody Morrison
Bob Edmiston (2023) Treasurer – Becky Hart
Co-Historians – Pam Beaver & Pam Tulbert

<u>USHERS</u> Bereavement Team – Cheryl Chandler

Chairperson – Tommy McLelland

<u>CIRCLE CHAIRPERSONS</u>
ACTS/Lettie Beatty Circle – Virginia Edmiston &

January, May, September – Brian Jackson February, June, October – Nick Cornett March, July, November – Matt Hagerty

Mary Lowrance
Ruth Circle – Lynn Britz &Judy Brumley

April, August, December – Tommy McLelland

Serendipity Circle – Joy Miller



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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 19, 2021 10:30 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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Candle of Peace

Donaldson Family

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR SAVIOUR COMES

Readers: Kevin Donaldson & Becky Hart

"And the Stars Sang"

Joseph Martin

Amy Weatherman, Soloist

"Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child"

arr. Mark Hayes

Kristin Donaldson, Soloist

"The First Noel"

arr. Dan Forrest

Kristin Donaldson, Stacey Gipe, Dixie Forbes-Gorby, Melody Morrison, Sarah Russell, & Amy Weatherman

"Do You Have Room?"

Shanda Edwards

Dixie Forbes-Gorby, Soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2: 5-11

1 Peter1: 10-12

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.

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.

Today: The Fourth Advent Candle Peace, will be lit by the Donaldson family, Kevin,

GREET YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST AND WELCOME all who worship here

Today: The **Fourth Advent** Candle **Peace**, will be lit by the Donaldson family, Kevin, Kristin, Emily & Ryan during the morning worship service.

Today: Joy Gift Offering. In December, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering dates 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 19th**. Envelopes will be provided.

Offering Envelopes: New Offering Envelopes are here. You can pick up your boxes in the Commons Area.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Friday, December 24th: At 9:00 pm, we will hold our traditional Candlelight and Communion Service. The Advent candles will be lit by the Burgess Family, Dale, Lisa & Seth. 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 23rd and Monday, December 27th for the Christmas holiday, and Thursday, December 30th for the New Year's Day holiday.

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 into 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.

Greetings from your Health Ministry!!

- Monday, December 20th- Christmas Celebration after Exercise in the FLC. Bring a finger food & join us!
- Exercise is cancelled December 23rd through December 30th.
- The nurse will be out of the office December 23rd through December 30th.
- Advent is defined in the Oxford Dictionary as "the arrival of a notable person, thing or event." That first advent was defined by the arrival of Immanuel, God with us. Jesus came to reconcile people to Himself. The barriers caused by sin between people and God was forever broken down & destroyed by Jesus' arrival. This is Good News!! Let's Celebrate our Savior!
- The Exercise Group had a great time last Thursday celebrating Advent with a time of fellowship and a game. Join us.
- Gift bags for our homebound & nursing home members are 90% distributed. I will be finishing up this week. Thank you to all that donated items, prepared bags & cards, and made deliveries. YOU have made a difference in our people's lives! THANK YOU!!!
- Red Cross Blood Drive is January 13th! Save your blood for us!!!
- Thank you to our Nurture & Care Team Members & leaders for making a difference this year in our church as well as our community. Thank you to our church family for supporting us & our outreaches.

Blessings!



In memory of William J. Edmiston by Virginia Edmiston In memory of Kenneth Hager by the Howie Family In memory of Donald Howie by the Howie Family

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 Knox

In memory of Charles and Margaret Bulifant by Van & Violet Knox

In memory of Joe Knox by Van & Violet Knox

In memory of Mike Deaton by Van & Violet Knox

In memory of Mary Helen Smith by Van & 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

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. VA Jackson by Allen & Ann Jackson

In memory of Charlene Rowe by Brian & Candace Jackson

In memory of Raymond Dauer Jr. by May S. Dauer

In memory of Andrew "Andy" Britz by Lynn Britz

In memory of Margaret & Brown Patterson by Lynn Britz

In memory of Justin Ogle by Lynn Britz

In memory of Justin Ogle by Jackson, Cameron, Lane & Fiona Ogle

In memory of David Bradshaw by Heather Cook & Family

In memory of Helen Bradshaw by Heather Cook & Family

In memory of Ricky Stutts by Heather Cook & Family

In memory of Walt Stutts by Heather Cook & Family

In memory of Teddy Goins by the Sellers Family

In memory of Charles & Jean Linker by Sharron Clanton

In memory of Judi Ferguson by Sharron Clanton

In memory of Justin Ogle by Mike & Beth Stacy

In memory of Edgar Allen

In memory of Signora Dalton

In honor of Will & Stacey Gipe by Frances Howie
In honor of the Women of Prospect by Virginia Dowdy
In appreciation of Violet Knox by the Disciples Sunday School Class

For Prayer:

Missionary:

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

Brian & Christy Ward (Spokane, Washington)

Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)

David & Caree Lookabill (Bangladesh)

Local Church:

Triplett United Methodist Church

Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)

Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)

Anne Cloaninger (Heritage Place, Statesville)

Helen Lyerly (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

Meghan McSwain (Brookdale Peachtree, Statesville)

Margaret Martin (Abernathy Laurels, Newton)

Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

Please Remember:

Thad Linker Jo Powers Anita & Wyatt Fesperman Pam Beaver Carl & Mary Agnes Wiggins Kathy Steed Jackie McKnight Lib Knox Carol & Larry Stutts Martha Brown Ben & Judy Stacy Sarah Jackson Frances Ann Neel Roy Watkins **Rachel Powers** Violet LaShomb

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Lynda Deaton Keller (Cancer, Niece of Jean Gibson)

Ronnie Stewart (Small Stroke, husband of Virginia Stewart, FCN)

 $Keaton\ Kotecki\ (Premature\ baby,\ friends\ of\ Connie\ \&\ Erskine\ Smith)$

Jerry, Jody, & Vickie Ledford (Friends of Mike Anderson & Family)

Michael Weller (Brain tumor, friend of Will & Stacey Gipe)

Teresa Ervin (Breast Cancer, Vi LaShomb daughter)

Eli Freeze (Army, Stationed in Poland, grandson of Vicki Freeze)

Karen Broadway (Brain Injury, family of the Chandlers)

Edgar Moore (Lung Cancer, friend of Jean Gibson)

Lou Ann Compton Isenhour (Blood Cancer, cousin of Becky Hart)

Jamie Hall (longtime friend of Will & Stacey Gipe)

Kim Lambeth (Cancer, Rachel Marlowe's mother)

Beth Segui (Parkinson, Daughter of Betty Alexander)

Whitaker Raymer (Cancer, Missionary Child)

Ellen Goldstein (Cousin of Becky Hart)

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

Elder On Call: Rick Lyerly (704) 663-9083
Front Before/West After Service: Rick Lyerly

Open/Close Church: Dale Burgess
Newcomer/Visitor: Carol Linker
Sound System: Adam Lyerly

<u>Nursey Volunteer</u>: Melody Morrison Children's Church: Shannon Knox

Ushers/Offering: Tommy McLelland, Head Usher, Tommy Blackwelder, Vicki Freeze,

Carol Linker, Tom McLelland

This Week at Prospect:

4th Sunday in Advent, December 19, 2021

8:30 am – Mission Committee

9:30 am –Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship Service / Advent Candle Lighting / Joy Offering

Monday, December 20, 2021

DEADLINE of the January Newsletter

11:00 am – Exercise Class - FLC

6:30 pm - BSA

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Church Office Closed for the Holiday

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 2021

9:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

1st Sunday of Christmas, December 26, 2021

9:30 am –Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal Offering

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Attendance: Worship: 136

Offering: General Fund: \$4,915

Development Fund: \$70

DO YOU HAVE ROOM?

They journeyed far, a weary pair; they sought for shelter from the cold night air. Some place where she could lay her head, where she could give her Babe a quiet bed. Was there no room? No corner there? In all the town, a spot someone could spare? Was there no soul come to their aid? A stable bare was where the family stayed.



Do you have room for the Savior, and do you seek him anew?
Have you a place for the
One who lived and died for you?
Are you as humble as a shepherd boy, or as wise as men of old?
Would you have come that night?
Would you have sought the light?
Do you have room?

A star arose, a wondrous light; a sign from God - this was the Holy night.

And yet so few would go so see the Babe who came to rescue you and me.

This Child diving is now a King.

The gift of life to all the world He brings.

And all mankind He saves from doom, but on that night for Him there was no room.

AND THE STARS SANG

In the shadow of a stable, in the loneliness of night,
A mother rocks her baby by a single candle's light.
And as the world lay sleeping,
she prays in whispers low:
"God, grant to us a lullaby, one song to bring us hope."

And the stars began to sing, and the heavens rang with praise, And the angels filled the night with music sent from the heart of God.

By the gentle glow of starlight,
Mary wipes a falling tear.
She stares in silent wonder at the baby she holds near.
And her soul is filled with glory,
and her heart is filled with praise;
Through her tears of joy, she tries to sing what words can never say.



JESUS, OH WHAT A WONDERFUL CHILD

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful Child;
Jesus, Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild;
New life, new hope, new joy He brings.
Won't you listen to the angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Jesus, my Lord Jesus, Oh what a wonderful Child; Jesus, talkin' 'bout Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild. New life, new hope, new joy He brings. Won't you listen to the angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

He was herald by the angels, born in a lowly manger.

The virgin Mary was His mother and Joseph was His earthly father.

O, three wise men came from afar, they were guided by a shining star,

To see King Jesus where He lay in a manger filled with hay.

Oh, Jesus, my Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful Child; Jesus, sweet little Jesus, He's so lowly, meek and mild; New life, new hope new joy He brings. Won't you listen to the angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Jesus, sweet Baby Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful Child;
Talkin' 'bout Jesus, Jesus, so lowly, so meek and mild.
New life, new hope, new joy He brings.
Won't you listen to the angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

THE FIRST NOEL

Noel. The first Noel, the angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

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.
Noel. Born is the King of Israel. Noel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel! Born is the King. Noel.

