

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Class of 2022

Connie Brown
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Joy Miller
Johnny Wilkinson

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Treasurer: Becky Hart

THE SESSION

Class of 2023

Mike Anderson
Bob Edmiston
Shannon Knox
Rick Lyerly
Beth Stacy

Asst. Treasurer: Bob Edmiston

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Rev. William Gipe
Office Administrator – Cheryl Chandler
Music Director – Dixie Forbes-Gorby
Organist – Pat McCall
Parish Nurse – Virginia Stewart, RN

Class of 2024

Karen Cornett
Van Knox
Terri McKnight
Paul Moore
Walter Teeter

SESSION COMMITTEES

Administration and Personnel – Bob Edmiston & Walter Teeter*
Building and Grounds – Mike Anderson, Brian Jackson*, Paul Moore & Johnny Wilkinson
Christian Education and Fellowship – Shannon Knox* / Beth Stacy
Mission – Terri McKnight* / Van Knox
Nurture and Care – Joy Miller*
Outreach – Beth Stacy* / Shannon Knox
Stewardship & Finance – Bob Edmiston* & Van Knox
Worship and Music – Connie Brown* & Karen Cornett

(* Chair of Committee)

TRUSTEES

Brian Jackson (2022)
Bob Edmiston (2023)
Walter Teeter (2024)

USHERS

Chairperson – Tommy McLelland
January, May, September – Brian Jackson
February, June, October – Nick Cornett
March, July, November – Matt Hagerty
April, August, December – Tommy McLelland

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Co-Moderators – Connie Brown & Lee Williams
Secretary – Melody Morrison
Treasurer – Becky Hart
Co-Historians – Pam Tulbert
Bereavement Team – Cheryl Chandler

CIRCLE CHAIRPERSONS

ACTS/Lettie Beatty Circle – Virginia Edmiston & Mary Lowrance
Ruth Circle - 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 18, 2022

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

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Candle of Love Dowdy & Stapleton Family

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHRISTMAS COMES TO US

READERS: Kevin Donaldson & Becky Hart

“Breath of Heaven” arr. Larson
Dixie Forbes-Gorby, Soloist

“This Holy Night” McDonald
Amy Weatherman, Soloist

“Born a Mighty King” McDonald
Kristin Donaldson, Soloist

“Welcome to Our World” arr. Larson
Sanctuary Choir

“Still, Still, Still” ***
Handbell Choir

“Christmas Joy” ***
Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SERMON Rev. William Gipe

*HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory* No. 131

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”** arr. Lasky
Richard Woods, Saxophone

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

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.

The lovely flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor and appreciation of the beautiful music provided by Dixie, Pat, Stacey, and Karen, the choir and hand bell choir.

Thanks to all the men of our church who provided the delicious breakfast this morning in the Family Life Center!

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent; the **Fourth Advent** candle will be lit by the Dowdy and Stapleton family.

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 25th. The **church office** will be closed Monday, December 26th & Tuesday, December 27th.

Today, the Joy Gift Offering will be received. 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 **today**. Envelopes will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, December 20th, Golden Prospectors will be meeting in the Family Life Center at **12:00 pm** for their Christmas gathering. This will be a covered dish. Please bring a side dish and your favorite dessert to share. The meat will be provided. **ALSO,** please bring a White Elephant gift to play a Christmas game! Hope everyone will be able to join. **DON'T FORGET WE CHANGED THE TIME!**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Saturday, 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.

Eat Healthy* Be Active Community Workshops: Join me for 6 different and fun sessions. Beginning: Monday January 2, 2023. When: 6-7 pm. Where: Friendship Classroom / Concordia Lutheran Church. 1st 4 workshops will be Jan 2, Jan 9, Jan 16 and then Jan 23. (Workshops 5 and 6 will be sometime in February.) The focus of the workshops is to give individuals tips and tools to eat healthy and be physically active to promote good health and reduce the risk of chronic diseases. Mary Anne Miller MSN, RN Faith Community Nurse / Concordia Lutheran Church / 704-857-2163. Ext 3.

SECRET SISTERS: We have truly enjoyed this journey with each of you and look forward to participating again in 2023. Dates to remember as we enter 2023!! Saturday, December 3rd – Thursday, January 5th, Complete and Return your Secret Sister Questionnaire for 2023 by Friday, January 6th. Sunday, January 8th the Secret Sister 2023 names will be available for Pick Up. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me! Drop off the form at the church or email. Judie Sellers, Cell # 704.791.9764 Email: colesmom0903@gmail.com

January 8th we are going to kick off the New Year with Sunday school refreshments from 9:15 to 9:45 in the education building. Please think about joining a Sunday school class that would be great too.

Greetings from your Health Ministry!!

- **Merry Christmas** from your Health Ministry!
- As we prepare for the **Christmas Holiday**, let us remember that we celebrate because of Jesus: His birth and His soon return.
- **Exercise group had a great time** last week with lunch at China Grove Family Restaurant on Monday and Christmas Dessert and games on Thursday.
- **Exercise will continue** on Monday & Thursday this week at 11am.
- **Nurture & Care adopted** a family from Home in Mooresville & those gifts were delivered for the family last Wednesday. Thank you for your support of Nurture & Care.
- **Thirty gift bags were prepared** with your generous donations and are in the process of being delivered. We had a Christmas Gathering after the preparation of the bags for all that attended. It was wonderful!
- **Remember** those that have lost loved ones, the sick and the lonely. You - make a difference in people's lives and our community.
- **January 12th 2:30 - 7pm BLOOD DRIVE WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.** Contact Carol Linker to sign up or go to redcrossblood.org & select Prospect Presbyterian under upcoming drives! Thank you for saving lives & making them better.
- **NO EXERCISE** - Monday, December 26th.

Poinsettia Tributes

- *In memory of William J. Edmiston by Virginia Edmiston*
- *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 Ellen & Stormy Brown by Connie Brown*
- *In memory of George & Cheryl Edwards by Connie Brown*
- *In memory of Dot Marlowe & Martha Brown by Connie Brown, Lane, Rachel, & Madison Marlowe*
- *In memory of Andrew "Andy" Britz by Lynn Britz*
- *In memory of Margaret & Brown Patterson & Larry Patterson by Lynn Britz*
- *In memory of Justin Ogle by Lynn Britz*
- *In memory of Teddy Goins by the Sellers Family*
- *In memory of Henry Eason Barnes & Judith Eason Barnes by Mitchell Barnes*
- *In memory of Clara Mae Whitley by Mitchell Barnes*
- *In memory of Adam Lang Gordon by Mitchell Barnes*
- *In memory of Michael Deaton by Nancy Robinson*
- *In memory of Aubrey Price by Nancy Robinson*
- *In memory of Toni Wheeler by Nancy Robinson*
- *In memory of Jeffrey Stewart by Virginia & Ronnie Stewart*

- *In honor of the Prospect Presbyterian Staff by the Dowdy's*
- *In honor of Mary Lowrance by Ava, Bella, Jasmine & Sarah*
- *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 & Carey Lookabill (Bangladesh)

Local Church:

Centenary UMC

Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
Helen Lyerly (Cadence Living – Mooresville)
Meghan McSwain (Brookdale Peachtree, Statesville)
Margaret Martin (Abernathy Laurels, Newton)
Judy Stacy (Northlake House, Charlotte)
Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

Please Remember:

Jo Powers	Pam Tulbert
Thad Linker	Ella Mae Stewart
Anita & Wyatt Fesperman	Lynda Fries
Phyllis & Wade Carrigan	Eddie Teeter
Jackie McKnight	Roy Watkins
Carol & Larry Stutts	Teresa Compton
Dick Bennett	

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Amy & Mike Corriher (*Amy Breast Cancer, friends of the Lyerly's*)
Fiona Ogle (*granddaughter of Mike & Beth Stacy*)
Mary Yeager (*Hip Surgery, friend of the congregation*)
Jo Beatty & Mack Robinette (*friends of the congregation*)
Bruce Ann Steadman (*granddaughter of Betty Alexander*)
Eric Johnson (*Cancer, friend of Sarah Russell*)
Nancy Dwyer (*Sickness, friend of Pam Tulbert*)
Janet Baker (*Cancer, friend of John Edmiston*)
Nancy Shinn (*Health Issues, cousin of Frances Ann Neel*)
Rachel Shinn Stone (*Breast Cancer, cousin of Frances Ann Neel*)
Gerry Steele (*family of Edie Steele*)
Michael Weller (*Brain tumor, friend of Will & Stacey Gipe*)
Teresa Ervin (*Breast Cancer, Vi LaShomb daughter*)

Elder on Call: Beth Stacy 704-746-4642

Open/Close Church: Beth Stacy

Sound System: Adam Lyerly

Children's Church: Kiki Reid

Newcomer/Visitor: Carol Linker

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

4th Sunday in Advent, December 18, 2022

8:00 am – Christmas Breakfast

9:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship / Lighting of the Advent Candles

Monday, December 19, 2022

11:00 am – Exercise Class

6:30 pm – BSA

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

12:00 pm – Christmas Lunch in the FLC

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

6:30 pm – Dinner & Bible Study

Thursday, December 22, 2022

10:00 am – Bible Study

11:00 am – Exercise Class

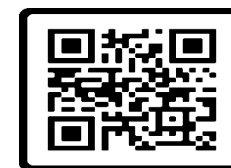
Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2022

9:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candle Light Service / Communion

Christmas Day, December 25, 2022

10:30 am - Worship / Pennies for Hunger Offering

Want an easier way to give or donate to the church? Just scan our **QR Code!** On the “To” line Select where or what you would like to give to and or you may select **OTHER** and put in the memo section what you would like to give to. Thank you.



SCAN ME

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Attendance: Worship: 125

Offering: General Fund: \$17,386

 Development Fund: \$150

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking,
how we need to hear from God.
You've been promised, we've been waiting;
welcome, Holy Child.

Hope that you don't mind our manger,
how I wish we could have known.
But long-awaited Holy Stranger, make yourself at home,
Please make yourself at home.

Bring your peace into our violence,
bid our hungry souls be filled.
Word now breaking heaven's silence,
welcome to our world.

Fragile finger sent to heal us,
tender brow prepared for thorn,
Tiny heart whose blood will save us,
unto us is born, Unto us is born.

So wrap our injured flesh around you,
breathe our air and walk our sod.
Rob our sin and make us holy, perfect Son of God.
Perfect Son of God. Welcome to our world.



*The Gift that
Changed the World*

BREATH OF HEAVEN



I have traveled many moonless nights,
cold and weary with a babe inside.
And I wonder what I've done.
Holy Father, you have come and
chosen me now to carry your Son.

I am waiting in a silent prayer;
I am frightened by the load I bear.
In a world as cold as stone, must I walk this path alone?
Be with me now, be with me now.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together,
be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me your holiness,
For you are holy, Breath of Heaven.

Do you wonder as you watch my face,
if a wiser one should have had my place?
But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan.
Help me be strong, help me be, help me.

THIS HOLY NIGHT

Every room, every house, no place for us here;
Coldest night, weary heart, and this baby so near.
Love will find a way; your promise keeps us safe on this
quiet, silent night, this holy night.

Every fear gone tonight, now you're safe in my arms,
And I sing, little Lamb, of all of your charms 'Cause love has
found a way and your promise keeps us safe
One this quiet, silent night, this holy night.

“Alleluia!” Hear the angels sing:

“Alleluia! Alleluia!” to the newborn King!

Go to sleep, little One, Holy Child, rest tonight.
Prince of Peace, Holy Son, God's heavenly Light!
Love will make a way and your promise keeps us safe
On this quiet, silent night, this holy night.



Oh Holy Night

BORN A MIGHTY KING

Born, born a mighty King!
Creator, Sustainer, Lord of everything.
He would deliver the sinner, redeem from suffering.
This little baby was born a mighty King!

Born, born a mighty King!
Creator, Sustainer, Lord of everything.
He would deliver the sinner, redeem from suffering.
This little baby who made the angels sing:

“Gloria! Gloria! This Child,
who brought glory as only God could bring!
Gloria! Gloria! This Child was born a mighty King!

O, born, born a mighty King!
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
From the darkness, He would free us, eternity He brings.
Son of God, who made the angels sing!

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!
This Child was born a mighty King, a King!