

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor – Rev. William Gipe

Office Administrator – Cheryl Chandler

Music Director – Dixie Forbes-Gorby

Organist – Pat McCall

Faith Community Nurse – Kelly Wilson, RN

THE SESSION

Class of 2023

Mike Anderson

Bob Edmiston

Shannon Knox

Rick Lyerly

Beth Stacy

Clerk of Session: Rick Lyerly

Treasurer: Bill Hart

Class of 2024

Karen Cornett

Van Knox

Terri McKnight

Paul Moore

Walter Teeter

Asst. Treasurer: Bob Edmiston

Class of 2025

Dale Burgess

Bill Hart

Joy Miller

Johnny Wilkinson

Lee Williams

SESSION COMMITTEES

Administration and Personnel – Bob Edmiston, Bill Hart & Walter Teeter*

Building and Grounds – Mike Anderson*, Paul Moore & Johnny Wilkinson

Christian Education and Fellowship – Shannon Knox* / Beth Stacy

Mission – Terri McKnight* / Van Knox

Nurture and Care – Joy Miller* & Lee Williams

Outreach – Beth Stacy* / Shannon Knox

Stewardship & Finance – Bob Edmiston, Bill Hart* & Van Knox

Worship and Music – Karen Cornett*

(* Chair of Committee)

TRUSTEES

Bob Edmiston (2023)

Walter Teeter (2024)

Bill Hart (2025)

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 – Mary Lowrance

Serendipity Circle – Joy Miller



CHURCH HOMECOMING

Prospect Presbyterian Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
HOMECOMING SUNDAY

CELEBRATING 199 YEARS

September 17, 2023

10:30 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Pad located at the center aisle of each pew. If you are a visitor, please give your full name, address, email & telephone number. If you notice a new face, please take a moment greet them & welcome them to Prospect Presbyterian Church.

PRELUDE **“To God Be the Glory”** arr. Raney

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN **“The Church’s One Foundation”** No. 227

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM **“Back to the Church in the Wildwood”** McDonald

*Take me back to the church in the wildwood,
 where the folks made me feel so at home.
 How I love going back to my childhood
 where we’d sing all the old, old songs.*

*It was there where I first met Jesus,
 it was there where I knew I belonged.
 How I love going back to the old, old church
 where we’d sing all the old, old songs.*

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.
 What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.*

WELCOME 2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS

OFFERTORY **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”** arr. Sorenson
Sarah Tulbert, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 14:1-12

SERMON

“Welcome”

Rev. Lisa Nelson

*PROFESSION OF FAITH **The Apostles’ Creed**

*HYMN **“Blessed Assurance”** No. 345

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patria

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
 Amen, Amen.*

*POSTLUDE **“Toccata on ‘The Old-Time Religion’”** Gordon Young

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

We have listening assist devices available for those who would like to utilize them.
You may see an usher to locate one.

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 Sam & Frances Edmiston and Albert & Mary Abel by Bob & Mary Beth Edmiston, Dan Edmiston, Jack Edmiston, & Nick, Karen, Sam & Charleston Cornett.

It is our pleasure to welcome as our Homecoming preacher, the Reverend Lisa Traynham Nelson. Reverend Nelson is a graduate of Presbyterian College, Columbia Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity) and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Master of Accounting). She served Prospect Presbyterian Church for 5 years as Associate Pastor from June, 1993 to August, 1998. She is currently the Controller for USHIFU (High Intensity Focused Ultrasound treatment for prostate cancer) in Charlotte, NC. Lisa is married to Ron Nelson, Associate Pastor at Sharon Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC and has 2 daughters Audra and Aspen. Welcome back to Prospect, Lisa!

We are glad to welcome the members of the 2023 Confirmation class to the membership of our church today: Sam Cornett, son of Nick and Karen Cornett and the grandson of Dan and Kay Edmiston and Gary and Wanda Cornett: Eli Russell, son Sarah and Bart Tulbert and Zack Russell and the grandson of Bill and Pam Tulbert and Tom and Jacquie Trotter; and Cole Sellers, son of Matt and Judie Sellers and grandson of Roger and Ethel Sellers and Teddy and Robin Goins.

Many thanks to all of you who have made this such a wonderful Homecoming! We appreciate everything you did to help us celebrate again! **Please take some time to visit our Heritage Room today.** You will relive the history of Prospect Church and you might even find your picture or the pictures of your loved ones.

The Christian Education Committee is looking for help with putting together an informal church directory. We will use digital photos sent in by the congregation and put together a new directory. This is for anyone who attends Prospect! If you are interested, please contact Shannon Knox 704-662-4191

After A Time for Young Christians we ask that *only* our children who are in 3rd grade or younger depart for children's church in the education building. We encourage our older children to stay and listen to the scripture and sermon. If there are any questions, please let Pastor Will know.

Exciting News: The Session has approved a Sanctuary Renovation Plan which will include the following: *Carpet replacement, *Painting the entire sanctuary, *Replacement of pew cushions, *Install steps at front of altar, *Electrical modifications, *Improvement of organ sound system. Estimated Cost approximately \$90,000. If you would like to donate to improving our sanctuary's appearance and functionality, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to the Building and Worship committees for their work in moving this project forward.

REFIT is a workout experience that combines powerful movements and positive music to engage body, mind, and soul. It is a community centered dance fitness class for ALL! Instructor: Junior Johnson, who is fantastic and nationally known in the **REFIT** community! When: **EVERY Tuesday at 6:30 pm.** Where: Our own family life center. There is no charge. However, we will collect donations for a local charity. Come ready to fellowship and dance! If you have any questions, please contact Renee McLelland or Kiki Reid.

Walk For Life: Help empower moms to choose life by supporting the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman. The 2023 Walk for Life will be held on **Saturday, September 23** at Langtree, Lake Norman. Pick up a Fundraiser Packet in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or contact Connie Brown at 704-437-1860 or Will Gipe at 276-275-1942. Make sure all donations are turned in to the church office by Thursday, September 21. Make checks payable to LNCPC.

Homecoming 2023

Today, we are recognizing and honoring our Prospect members who are eighty years or older with a 2023 silver dollar

Our Honorees are:

Betty Alexander	Marilyn Hinds	Ella Mae Stewart
Helen Barber	Phyllis Hilton	Dawn Stutts
Dick Bennett	Frances Howie	Hal Stutts
Tommy Blackwelder	Violet LaShomb	Margie Swiggett
Margaret Bradshaw	Bill Lefler	Eddie Teeter
Phyllis Carrigan	Thad Linker	Perry Teeter
Wade Carrigan	Mary Lowrance	Pam Tulbert
Reba Connolly	Helen Lyerly	Don Truedson
May Dauer	Jackie McKnight	Judy Truedson
Virginia Edmiston	Margaret Martin	Janielle Watkins
Anita Fesperman	Josephine Powers	Roy Watkins
Wyatt Fesperman	Rachel Powers	Tink Wilkinson
Jean Gibson	Carolyn Sigmon	
June Goodman	Lannie Sigmon	

Since our last Homecoming, September 18, 2022, these members have joined the Church triumphant.

In Remembrance:

Pearl Bell
Anne Cloaninger
Lib Knox
Betty Bradshaw
Anne Cloaninger
Toni Wheeler
Mary Agnes Wiggins



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:

St. Marks Lutheran Church

Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

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

Please Remember:

Jo Powers	Dick Bennett
Thad Linker	Ella Mae Stewart
Anita & Wyatt Fesperman	Lynda Fries
Phyllis & Wade Carrigan	Eddie Teeter
Jackie McKnight	Roy Watkins
Carol & Larry Stutts	Teresa Compton
Allen Jackson	Hal Stutts
Mary Lowrance	May Dauer
Rick Yokeley	Beverly Bartlett
Cheryl Chandler	Wayne Chandler

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Helen Broadway (*Heart Issues, Mother of Cheryl B. Chandler*)
Delane Davis (*Cancer, cousin of Chuck Miller*)
Phyllis Mayberry (*Brian Bleed, Family of Mark Reid*)
Wayne Vellines (*Sickness, friend of Frances Ann Neel*)
Frankie Carrigan (*Brain Cancer, friend of the congregation*)
Jan Milos (*Kidney Cancer, friend of Cristal Howie*)
Meredith Powers (*Breast Cancer, daughter in law of Rachel Powers*)
Chris McCall (*Iraq, friend of Edie Steele*)
Beth Segui' (*Parkinson's, daughter of Betty Alexander*)
Danny Bost (*Liver issues, friend of the congregation*)
Linda Bost (*Vascular Dementia, friend of the congregation*)
Amy & Mike Corriher (*Amy Breast Cancer, friends of the Lyerly's*)
Evelyn Griffith (*Cancer, friend of Mike & Robin Anderson*)
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*)
Teresa Ervin (*Breast Cancer, Vi LaShomb daughter*)
Henry Bridgers (*Cancer*) Friend and neighbor of Connie Brown

Elder on Call: Terri McKnight (704) 458-4905

Open/Close Church: Walter Teeter (Opening) / Mike Anderson (Closing)

Newcomer/Visitor: Phyllis Hilton & Linda Seamon

Children's Church: Melody Morrison

Sound System: Stephen Hart

Ushers/Offering: Brian Jackson, Head Usher; Paul Moore, Kenny Seamon, Cole Sellers, Edie Steele

Sunday, September 17, 2023

8:30 – Missions Committee
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship, Guest Preacher – Lisa Nelson
12:05 pm – Lunch on the Grounds

Monday, September 18, 2023

11:00 am – Exercise Class
6:30 pm – BSA

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

6:30 pm – Choir Practice
6:30 pm – REFIT Class in FLC

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

6:30 pm – Dinner and Bible Study, FLC

Thursday, September 21, 2023

10:00 am – Bible Study
11:00 am – Exercise Class
7:00 pm – Session Meeting

Saturday – Sunday, September 23

9:00 am – Walk for Life

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:30 am – Missions Committee
9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship / Pennies for Hunger Offering

Sunday, September 10, 2023

<u>Attendance:</u>	Sunday School:	50
	Worship:	106

Offering: General Fund: \$6556



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