

## PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Rev. William Gipe

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## THE SESSION

### Class of 2023

Mike Anderson

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Walter Teeter

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## SESSION COMMITTEES

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

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**Mission** – Terri McKnight\* / Van Knox

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**Outreach** – Beth Stacy\* / Shannon Knox

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

**Worship and Music** – Karen Cornett\*

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## 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



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Organized 1824



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

December 24, 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 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. Mitchell-Wallace  
Richard Woods, saxophone

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Candle of Joy Wilkinson Family

RESPONSIVE LITANY: *The Wonder of Hope*

During Advent, we ignite the wonder of expectation.  
**Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**  
During Advent, we look for the light that shines in the darkness.  
**Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**  
During Advent, we embrace the hope that enlivens the soul.  
**Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**  
During Advent, we welcome the Savior who beckons the world.  
**Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**  
During Advent, we rejoice in the One who has reclaimed the lost.  
**Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL READING & MUSIC *Christmas Comes to Us*

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 5: 13-16**

SERMON Rev. Will Gipe

\*HYMN “Joy To the World!” No. 125

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *How Great Our Joy* arr. Bill Wolaver

**\*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.

**Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT.** The **Fourth Advent** candle will be lit by Debi & Johnny Wilkinson.

**Today we will have the 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. Please use the envelope in the bulletin.

**Church Office Holiday Schedule:** The Church Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays December 25th and 26th and will be closed on Monday, January 1st for a New Year's holiday. Please remember that your end of the year contributions should be turned in to the church office by Tuesday, January 2nd. Thank you!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**Beginning Sunday, December 31st**, a Mitten Tree will be displayed in the narthex for a month, ready for you to decorate with hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens. Please have all items here by January 15, 2024, so they can be delivered for the children to take advantage of during the coldest months. These gifts will be given to the Nazareth Children's Home to help keep them warm.

**January 7th** 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!!**

- **EXERCISE** –We meet every Monday and Thursday at 11:00 am in the FLC. Hope to see everyone.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – **MAMMAGRAM** Bus @ Prospect Church, 8:30 to 11:45 am. Contact Kelly Wilson, FCN for more information.
- **Merry Christmas** to all! Blessings 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.
- **Remember** those that have lost loved ones, the sick and the lonely. You - make a difference in people's lives and our community.
- **January 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm** There will be a **Lunch N Learn** with the Community Blood Drive sponsor as our speaker in the Family Life Center. Please see our FCN, Kelly Wilson, if you have any questions.
- **NO EXERCISE** - Monday, December 25th.
- **LAST EXERCISE CLASS OF 2022** – Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 the Neel & Shinn Families by Frances Ann Neel*
- *In memory of Ellen & Stormy Brown by Connie Brown, Lane, Rachel, & Madison Marlowe*
- *In memory of George & Cheryl Edwards by Connie Brown, Lane, Rachel, & Madison Marlowe*
- *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 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 Aubrey Price by Nancy, Chris & Stan Price*
- *In memory of Eddie Dowdy by Jenny Dowdy*
- *In memory of Kay Edmiston by Karen, Nick, Sam & Charleston Cornett & Jack Edmiston*
- *In memory of Kay Edmiston by Dan Edmiston*
- *In memory of Ronnie Towell by Melody Edmiston*
- *For the Glory of God*
- *In honor of Rev. Will & Stacey Gipe by the Worship Committee*
- *In honor of Cheryl Chandler by the Worship Committee*
- *In honor of Dixie Forbes-Gorby by the Worship Committee*
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- *In honor of Dixie Forbes-Gorby by Kelly Wilson*
- *In honor of Mitchell F. Barnes by Lynn Britz*
- *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)

**Local Church:**

Fieldstone Presbyterian 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)

Margie Swiggett (Ranson Ridge - Huntersville)

Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

**Please Remember:**

Jo Powers	Dick Bennett
Thad Linker	Ella Mae Stewart
Anita & Wyatt Fesperman	Lynda Fries
Wade Carrigan	Rachel Powers
Jackie McKnight	Roy Watkins
Carol & Larry Stutts	Teresa Compton
Hal Stutts	Don Truedson
Mary Lowrance	May Dauer
Rick Yokeley	Beverly Bartlett
Wayne Chandler	Margaret Bradshaw

**Friends & Family of the Congregation:**

Missy Bradshaw (*Cancer, Chuck Miller's cousin*)  
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*)  
Jan Milos (*Kidney Cancer, friend of Cristal Howie*)  
Meredith Powers (*Breast Cancer, daughter in law of Rachel Powers*)  
Cash McCall (*Iraq, friend of Edie Steele*)  
Beth Segui' (*Parkinson's, daughter of Betty Alexander*)  
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 Bridges (*Cancer Friend and neighbor of Connie Brown*)  
Myra Kelly (*Lung Cancer Mother of Kiki Reid & Sister of Jenny Dowdy*)

**Elder on Call:** Van Knox (704) 575-8766

**Open/Close Church:** Johnny Wilkinson

**Newcomer/Visitor:** Carol Linker

**Children's Church:** Cole & Judie Sellers

**Sound System:** Seth Burgess / Stephen Hart

**Ushers/Offering:** Tommy McClelland, Head Usher, Tommy Blackwelder, Vickie Freeze, Carol Linker, Tom McLelland

**Christmas Eve Sunday December 24, 2023,**

9:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship / Joy Offering

9:00 pm – Candlelight Communion Service

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

**Church Office Closed for Holiday**

**Tuesday, December 26, 2023**

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**Thursday, December 28, 2023**

11:00 am – Exercise Class

**New Years Eve Sunday December 31, 2023,**

9:30 am - Sunday School

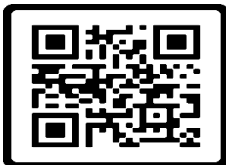
10:30 am – Worship / Guest Speaker Justin Raymer / Pennies for Hunger Offering

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

<b><u>Attendance:</u></b>	Sunday School:	50
	Worship:	137

<b><u>Offering:</u></b>	General Fund:	\$4,290
	Development Fund:	\$50
	Sanctuary Renovations:	\$1,788
	Cemetery Fund:	\$5,000

**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.



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## **CHRISTMAS COMES TO US**

**READERS:**

Kevin Donaldson & Becky Hart

### **“O Come, Emanuel”**

Sarah Tulbert, Soloist

arr. Larson

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, until  
the Son of God appear.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy  
clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.*

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### **“Song of Mary”**

Dixie Forbes-Gorby, soloist

Douglas Wagner

*Mary heard the tidings brought forth by Gabriel*

*And of the promised coming of the first noel.*

*Her heart raced with excitement, her spirit soared in joy,*

*To learn that she was favored to bear the Blessed Boy.*

*Refrain:*

*Mary, Mary, chosen of all, blest among women to be mother of God.*

*Grace to you, Mary, for bearing God's son,*

*A child in your keeping, the hope of the world.*

*Mary thought that someday her joy would fade away,*

*When her son would leave her for the debt he had to pay.*

*Her heart will be rent in sorrow, but her spirit undeterred,*

*Accepting of her duty, according to God's word.*

*(Refrain) Mary, Mary, mother of God.*

### **“Glory, Glory to the Newborn King”**

Chancel Choir

Mark Brewer

*Come and see the baby in the manger, Come and see the little King.*

*Come and see the baby in the manger, Glory, glory to the newborn King!*

*Refrain:*

*Glory to the newborn King! Glory to the newborn King!*

*Glory to the newborn King! I'm shoutin' glory to the newborn King!*

*Come and see the shepherds on the hillside. Come and hear the angels sing.*

*Come and see the shepherds on the hillside. Glory, glory to the newborn King!*

*(Refrain)*

*Come and see the wisemen as they travel. Come and see the gifts they bring.*

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*Glory, glory, glory, glory, glory, glory to the newborn King, the newborn King!*

### **“Silent Night”**

Kristin Donaldson, soloist

arr. Crockett

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.*

*Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild.*

*Sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.*

*Glories stream from heaven afar; heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!*

*Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light;*

*Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,*

*Jesus Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.*

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*All is well, all is well. Heaven and earth rejoice!*

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*May the angels' music in the air tonight Comfort all your sorrow like a lullaby.*

*May it blossom within you, fill your broken soul,*

*Ease your pain and sadness, make your spirit whole.*

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