

## PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Rev. William Gipe

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## 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



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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas*

December 31, 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                    ***“How Brightly Shines Yon Morning Star”***                    Bach

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN                    ***“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”***                    No. 151

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM                    ***“How Quietly”***                    Joel Raney  
*Stacey Gipe, Soloist*

*How quietly, how quietly, the wondrous gift was given for me.  
How sweet and gentle, how meek, and mild,  
this precious gift, this Holy Child.*

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*Angels sing to God, our King,  
of peace to all on earth.  
Morning stars break through the darkness,  
proclaiming the holy birth.*

*How quietly, how quietly,  
the wondrous gift was given for me.  
How sweet and gentle, how meek and mild;  
this precious gift, this Holy Child.*

*The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*How quietly, how quietly,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

OFFERTORY                    ***“The Snow Lay on the Ground”***                    arr. Pethel

SCRIPTURE READING                    **Gensis 1: 1-3**

SERMON                    ***“God is Love”***                    Justin Raymer

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

\*HYMN                    ***“Go Tell It on the Mountain”***                    No. 138

\* 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 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*** we welcome Justin Raymer to our pulpit. Justin and Kristen Raymer serve with ***Africa Inland Mission*** in the ***Washington D.C.*** area. They work with an outreach ministry partnership providing English language instruction and practical help to meet the needs of refugees, asylees, and immigrants. Justin and Kristen are originally from the West Rowan area and have two children, Fiona and Whitaker.

**Church Office Holiday Schedule:** The Church Office 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!

**Congregational Meeting has been set for Sunday, January 21st** to approve a change of call for Reverend Gipe. Session recommends a 6% increase in his total package. His salary plus housing allowance will go from \$66,000 in 2023 to \$70,000 in 2024. The total cost to the church, when insurance, pension, FICA, and other required taxes are included, will move from \$103,612 in 2023 to \$109,855 in 2024. Also, we will have an Ordination & Installation of the Class of 2026 Elders, Mike Anderson, Kevin Donaldson, John Edmiston, Carla Kennedy and Mie Stacy.

### **Greetings from your Health Ministry!!**

- **EXERCISE** –We meet every Monday and Thursday at 11:00 am in the FLC. Hope to see everyone.
- **Remember** those that have lost loved ones, the sick and the lonely. You - make a difference in people's lives and our community.
- **NO EXERCISE** - Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Our 1st Lunch N Learn** of 2024 is scheduled for **Sunday, January 14th at 12:00 pm** in the Family Life Center. Our topic and guest will be Community One Blood Drive and members of their staff. Please sign up on the board outside the church office by **Thursday, January 11th** so that we may have the proper amount of food for lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Wilson, FCN or Joy Miller, Chairman of the Nurture & Care Committee.
- **Our first Blood Drive** will be held on **Tuesday, January 30** from 2:30 to 7:00 in the FLC. Use this [www.oneblood.org/blood/drives](http://www.oneblood.org/blood/drives). Click on **DONATE** and select by location and put in Prospect Presbyterian Church to schedule an appointment or call the church office at 704-664-1514 to speak with our FCN, Kelly Wilson. Plan Now to Give Blood and Help Save A Life!

**Missionary UPDATE:** During 2023 there have been some changes in our missionaries. Brian & Christy Ward and David & Karen Lookabill are no longer in the mission field. The Wards have moved back home to Washington State, Brian is teaching college at Washington State, and they are now close to both of their families. The Lookabill have moved back to Kentucky to help take care of Karen's mother. Both the Wards and the Lookabill appreciate all our support and ask that we continue to pray for them and their families as they move through this transition in the lives and continue in Christian service.

**The 2024 Flower Calendar** is now available in the hallway outside the church office. Please remember to sign up early for specific Sundays that are important to you such as: anniversaries, baptisms, and memorials. Also, be sure to call the office with your dedication for the bulletin at least one week early. You are responsible for purchasing the flowers for that Sunday. Several florists in the area have a key to the church and will deliver the flowers to the sanctuary. Contact the church office if you need the name of a florist. Please be sure to take the flowers with you following the service. Church staff is not responsible for flowers left in the church. Thanks for your cooperation!

**SECRET SISTERS:** We have truly enjoyed this journey with each of you and look forward to participating again in 2024. Complete and Return your Secret Sister Questionnaire for 2024 by Wednesday, January 10th. The forms are located on the table in the Commons Area. Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> the Secret Sister 2024 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](mailto:colesmom0903@gmail.com)

**Beginning Sunday, January 7th,** 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 **Sunday, January 28, 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.

**GOLDEN PROSPECTORS! Tuesday, January 16th,** at 12:00 pm, we will meet at the church in the Family Life Center to discuss our plans for 2024. Please bring a covered dish to share. Meat will be provided. We look forward to seeing everyone and start the new year off right. **PLEASE** plan to join us!

**Men's Fellowship:** Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm @ the Stag n Doe in China Grove. Any questions or need a ride, please contact Dale Burgess at 704-662-2513.

**Young Disciples** will meet **Sunday, January 21st** after church in the FLC. Lunch will be provided.

Your 2023 Contribution Statements will be available in the Commons Area by **Sunday, January 21st.** Please review your statement and contact the church office if you have questions.

**For Prayer:**

**Missionary:**

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

Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)

**Local Church:**

First Baptist

**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:** Terri McKnight 704-458-4905 **Open/Close Church:** Johnny Wilkinson

**Newcomer/Visitor:** Carol Linker

**Sound System:** Stephen Hart

**Children's Church:** Emily Moore

**Ushers/Offering:** Tommy McClelland, Head Usher, Tommy Blackwelder, Vickie

Freeze, Carol Linker, Tom McLelland

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

9:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship / Guest Speaker Justin Raymer /

Pennies for Hunger Offering

**Monday, January 1, 2024**

**Church Office Closed for Holiday**

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

6:30 pm – Choir

6:30 pm – REFIT Class

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

10:00 am – ACTS/Letty Beaty Circle FLC

No Dinner / Bible Study

**Thursday, January 4, 2024**

NO Bible Study

11:00 am – Exercise Class

**Sunday January 7, 2024**

NO CE & Fellowship Committee mtg until February

9:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship / Guest Speaker Michael Sloan

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**Attendance:** Sunday School: 50

Worship: 167

Candlelight: 153

**Offering:** General Fund: \$16,587

Development Fund: \$335

Christmas Joy Offering: \$320

Cemetery Fund: \$400

Elevator Fund: \$250

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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