

Prospect Presbyterian Church
9425 West NC 152 Hwy
 Mooresville, NC 28115

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2024

Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am

THE GOOD PROSPECTS
Prospect Presbyterian Church
9425 West NC 152 Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115

Church Office Hours: Telephone: (704) 664-1514
Monday – Thursday: 7:00am - 5:00pm Fax: (704) 664-9612
Closed for lunch: 1:30pm - 2:30pm Website: www.prospectpres.org
Closed on Fridays

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Pastor: willgipe@hotmail.com
Nurse: Kelly.Wilson@AtriumHealth.org
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FROM YOUR PASTOR’S KEYBOARD:

One of the reasons we like Christmas so much is that it is something we can count on. We know its place on the calendar. We make plans for it and think about it throughout the year. We have traditions, things we do every year, that we look forward to it. Christmas is something solid. We sort of count on the dependability of Christmas, the consistency of Christmas.

Life can be unpredictable, strange, and hard. Plans do not always work out. Changes come that we do not like. We work hard and it doesn't always get rewarded or noticed. We have lost people we love this year. We miss people that have gone for many Christmases. In the midst of all of this, we appreciate things, and people, we can count on. Christmas keeps drawing us back to God. God is the Ultimate One upon whom we can count on. The story of God's love for us does not change. The commitment of Jesus Christ to come and be with us, to come and get us and to save us, does not change. The hope and confidence we have for today, and for eternity, because of His love, and sacrifice on the Cross, do not change. God Has been in it, and with us, through all of this year. In all situations, we have our security and stability because God will be there, in our hearts, in our families, in our church, in our lives, and in our world. Keep looking for Him. Keep trusting Him. He is dependable. He has a plan for all of us. He has it ALL under control. Keep counting on Jesus Christ.

Everyone have a happy Christmas. Know that you are ALL loved.

Stacey, Laura, Will, Amber, Leo, and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!

From Your Church Staff:
Will, Cheryl, Dixie,
Kelly, & Pat

May your family be blessed throughout
this holiday season!



During the advent season, we will display poinsettias in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 15th. Poinsettias will be available for purchase for \$8 each. We will **ONLY** order what is paid for in advance. **Orders and payment must be received in the church office by Wednesday, December 13th.** You may reserve your poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special in your life by signing the chart in the commons area. Please make your check to Prospect Presbyterian Church and indicate it is for the poinsettias. A list of those remembered will be in the bulletin on Sunday, December 15th.



Poinsettias

Merry Christmas



Prospect Presbyterian Church



Holiday Church Office Schedule

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!

Hart Scholarships

AVAILABLE TO COLLEGE STUDENTS
Applications shall be made to the Scholarship Committee by **February 23, 2025**

Fannie Turner Hart and Henry Howard Hart were great advocates of education. Their children established this scholarship in their memory, to be referred to hereafter as the Hart Scholarship Fund. This fund has been established at Prospect Presbyterian Church which they loved and where they served God faithfully for many years.

The Scholarship Committee of Prospect Presbyterian Church is elected by the Session to receive and review all applications for the Hart Scholarship. 2025 Committee members are: TBA Please contact the church office at 704-664-1514 with any questions.

Applications can be picked up at the church office. Completed applications need to be completed and placed in the mailbox in the commons area marked "Hart Scholarship."

Joy Gift Offering

In December, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering dates back 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 22nd. Envelopes will be provided.**



Joy Gift Offering

REMINDER:

Please, if you know you are going in the hospital or you know someone is in the hospital or sick, PLEASE notify the church office. We would love to keep in touch. Thank you.



Sick & Hospitalized

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

ADVENT ACTIVITIES!

1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 1:

The **First Advent** candle will be lit by Harriet, Mike, and Megan Beaver

2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 8:

The Christmas Breakfast prepared by the Men of the Church will be at 8:00 am in the FLC. The **Second Advent** candle will be lit by Cale, Amanda, Nora, & Weston Wolfe, during the morning worship service. Also from 4:30 to 7:00 pm the congregation will have a party with a special visitor for the children in the Education Building

3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 15:

The **Third Advent** candle will be lit by Connie & Erskine Smith, during the morning worship service. Come worship God, as we sing familiar Christmas carols and celebrate Christ's coming.

4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT, Sunday, DECEMBER 22:

The **Fourth Advent** candle will be lit by Karen, Nick, Sam & Charleston Cornett, during the morning worship service.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, December 24: At 9:00 pm, we will hold our traditional Candlelight and Communion Service. The **Advent** candles will be lit by Emily, Paul, Alyson, & William Moore. Bring your family and friends to this glorious night of worship and welcome Christ again into your hearts.



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who has donated to Hurricane Helene relief efforts. At this time, we are splitting funds between Camp Grier and Bakersville, NC. At this point, we have sent Camp Grier \$5500 in support of their efforts to help the community there. They are currently helping to raise money for 50 families to rebuild and/or repair homes. Here's a quote from their website: "Your support can make a difference as we work alongside disaster responders to help our community get back on its feet. Your generosity will enable us to serve those who are doing the hard work of rebuilding our community." Also, Bakersville, in Mitchell County, was hit hard. We have sent over \$5000 worth of food, coats, and chain saws and accessories. Please keep giving, and we will continue to update you as far as how those funds are being used.

We donated approximately **200 Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes this year. Thank you to everyone who supported that!

Once again, we will be helping the Mt. Ulla Elementary students by providing Christmas gifts to the families who are in need. We are helping 3 families (a total of 9 children). In addition to providing Christmas gifts for the children, **we ask for congregational support to provide non-perishable food items and paper products to these families.** Please have **all food and gifts** in the church library by **Noon on Sunday, December 8.** If you have questions, please contact **Beth Stephens** (Email: beth13@windstream.net Phone: 704-664-7185).



MISSION UPDATE



Young Disciples! "Calling all ANGELS & SHEPHERDS!" Don't forget that we sing on Sunday morning, December 8th! We will practice at 10:00 am that morning in the sanctuary. Also, Saturday, December 7th rehearsal at 9:30 am. We will also practice during children's church on Sunday, December 1st. **SEE YOU at practice!** Thanks for being such great worship leaders!



Christopher Hart	12/01
Vance Moore	12/01
Lane Marlowe	12/04
Jerry Meredith	12/05
Dick Bennett	12/06
Lynda Fries	12/06
Murdoch Morrison	12/06
Ethan Fallowes	12/07
Larry Stutts	12/10
Emily Moore	12/14
Margaret Bradshaw	12/16
Meredith Powers	12/16
Scott Brumley	12/17
Luke Tulbert	12/18
Melody Edmiston	12/19
Clayton Fleming	12/21
Barbara Lyerly	12/22
Sharon Bivens	12/23
William Stephens	12/25
Susan Blackwelder	12/28
Amzie Hovis	12/29
Ann Jackson	12/29
Tanner Cavin	12/30
Robin Stutts	12/30
Kiki Reid	12/31

Circle News:
ACTS/Lettie Beatty
Serendipity Circle

Dec. 4, 2024
Dec. 9, 2024

11:30 am Olive Garden
6:30 pm Home of Connie Smith



Olie & Nancy Dwire Dec 20



jingle & mingle

JOIN US FOR A

SECRET SISTER REVEAL

FRIDAY | 6 DECEMBER | 6:00 PM

at Judie Sellers Home

200 Buckingham Place Rd.
Mooresville, NC
RSVP to Judie @ 704.605.1818

\$5 DIRTY SANTA ORNAMENT EXCHANGE



ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES

Suggested Donation
for December:

SPICES



GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF ...

Thad Linker

By:

Eric & Judy Teeter
Tommy & Renee McLelland
Rebecca & Sara Deal
Frank Knox
Roy & Janielle Watkins
Ann Jackson
Francis Segui
Linda & Walter Smith
Jeremy & Rachel Walther
Alice & Eddie Clingenpeel
Pam Tulbert
June Goodman
Bill & Becky Hart

Wyatt Fesperman

By:

Roy & Janielle Watkins
Ann Jackson
Tommy & Renee McLelland
Donald & Paulette Culbreth
William & Sandra Harris
Jeff Shoe
Frances Ann Neel
Jean Self & Family
Susan & Ken Peloe
Pam Tulbert
Glenn & Lynn Swaim
June Goodman
Bill & Becky Hart

Carol A Stutts

By:

Pat & Stephen Clontz
Larry Stutts
June Goodman
Bill & Becky Hart

Margie Swiggett

By:

Frances Ann Neel
Lynn Jenkins
June Goodman

Anita Fesperman

By:

Susan & Ken Peloe
Bill & Becky Hart

Perry Teeter

By:

Bill & Becky Hart
Ann Jackson
Eric & Judy Teeter

Ralph Rutherford

By:

Doris Rutherford

For Prayer:

Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

Betty Alexander (Autumn Care, Salisbury)
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)
Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

Please Remember:

Ella Mae Stewart
Jo Powers
Beverly Bartlett
May Dauer
Hal Stutts
Roy Watkins
Teresa Compton
Mary Lowrance
Carol Linker
Teeter Family

Tommy McLelland
Dick Bennett
Jackie McKnight
Lynda Fries
Larry Stutts
Rick Yokeley
Glenda Alexander
Don & Judy Truedson
Sharron Clanton
Wayne Chandler



Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Frankie Carrigan (*health Issues, friend of the congregation*)
Jimmy Howard (*Thyroid Cancer, friend of the congregation*)
Elaine Brown (*Breast cancer, cousin of Mary Lowrance*)
John Christenberry (*Stage 4 Prostate Cancer, BNL of Johnny Wilkinson*)
Candall Hilton (*Cancer, daughter-in-law of Phyllis Hilton*)
Sharon Brooks (*Breast Cancer, sister of Mike Anderson*)
Joan Kennerly (*Heart Issues, family of the Blackwelder Family*)
Stephanie Christenberry Smith (*Cancer, niece of Johnny Wilkinson*)
Joe Martinez (*pancreas, Friend of Lisa & Roger Stapleton*)
Todd Harkey (*Heart & Lungs, friend of Jodie & Randy Oliphant*)
Deborah Stenstram (*Cancer, friend of John Edmiston*)
Phyllis Mayberry (*Brian Bleed, Family of Mark Reid*)
Jan Milos (*Kidney Cancer, friend of Cristal Howie*)
Beth Segui' (*Parkinson's, daughter of Betty Alexander*)
Evelyn Griffith (*Cancer, friend of Mike & Robin Anderson*)
Janet Baker (*Cancer, friend of John Edmiston*)
Rachel Shinn Stone (*Breast Cancer, cousin of Frances Ann Neel*)
Henry Bridges (*Cancer Friend and neighbor of Connie Brown*)
Myra Kelly (*Lung Cancer (Mother of Kiki Reid & Sister-in-Law of Jenny Dowdy)*)
Douglas Lee Rimmer (*Cancer, Friend of John Edmiston*)
Ruth Ann & Bill Swart (*Grandparents of Liam & Luke Tulbert*)





Dear Prospect Church,

Thanks to all who helped prepare and serve the meal at the Thad Linker service. What a wonderful gift from the Prospect church family. Carol Linker and family.

Happy Thanksgiving to my Prospect family. I truly have a lot to be thankful for including the cards, calls, meals and mainly the prayers given to me during this past year. It has truly been a challenging one that I couldn't have made it through without the love you have shown me. I hope to be back to church after the holidays. The new kidney is working amazingly. God bless you all and hope you have blessings during this time

Beverley Bartlett



Health Events for December:

- [National Handwashing Awareness Week](#) December 1-7
- [National Influenza Vaccination Week](#) December 1-7

The exercise group will continue to meet on Monday and Thursday at 11:00 in the FLC.

On December 2nd, we will welcome our third grandchild!

Thanks to a grant, in January, PPC will receive equipment from Atrium Health for a self-monitoring blood pressure station. This equipment will be available for everyone's use.

Nurture and Care will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 3:30 in the FLC for our Christmas Packing Party!

On the November 7th blood drive, we collected 14 units of whole blood. Our next drive will be in March.

It is time to start planning for 2025. Please let me know if there is a topic you would like to learn about for a Sunday Lunch and Learn. Nurture and Care sponsors these events, and we would like to offer sessions you all are interested in! Please contact Kelly Wilson with your suggestions.

Student Loan Funds

The Session would like to remind our college students that Prospect has monies available to loan to help with your college expenses. The monies will not accrue any interest until graduation or until you are no longer enrolled in an accredited institution. Upon graduation, a repayment schedule will be established in a meeting with the trustees. Student loan applications are available from the church office. We hope that you will take advantage of this program to help with your education expenses.



Devotions for ALL: If you would like to receive a weekly devotions, please send your email address to mpact2@copper.net or if you'd rather have it in a text, send your phone number to me. Add my email address to your account so it won't bounce. Responses & conversations welcome.



Session News

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on November 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., moderated by Reverend Will Gipe.

Account balances as of November 20, 2024 were reported as follows:

General Fund Balance - \$179,552	Development Fund Balance – \$79,818
Elevator Money Market - \$15,082	General Fund Reserve Balance - \$28,826

Received a report that the elevator is hoped to be finished in January.

Received a report that the congregation has submitted pledges of \$311,417 to date.

Christmas Breakfast will be December 8th.

\$10,450 in funds designated for Western North Carolina relief have been received and donated. \$5,500 of those funds have been sent to Camp Grier.

163 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child were delivered on November 18th and 25 more are coming in to be delivered.

Received a report that the recent car show collected 1,210 pounds of canned goods for the Christian Mission and collected \$500 to be donated to Camp Grier.

Kelly Wilson has obtained a grant for the Church to receive a blood pressure machine. It will be delivered in January.

The Church had float in the Veteran's Day Parade, and it was very successful.

As your Session, we always welcome questions and comments.

Kevin Donaldson, Clerk of the Session

October Financial Report

General Fund:	
Monthly Income through 10-31-24:	\$72,669
Monthly Expenses through 10-31-24:	\$42,787
Expenses Less than Income for month:	\$29,882
Development Fund:	
Ending Balance through 10-31-2:	\$78,873



This year's Prospect Christmas party theme is 'A Charlie Brown Christmas.' Friends and family welcome. Sunday, December 8th from 4:30-7:00pm. In the Education Building. Special guest for kids of all ages.



December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30 am CE Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / Communion 11:45 am Congregational Lunch FLC</p>	<p>2 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm BSA</p>	<p>3 6:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>4 11:30 am ACTS/Lettie Beatty Circle @ Olive Garden Talbert Rd. 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>5 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class</p>	<p>6 6:00 pm Secret Sisters @ Judie Sellers Home</p>	7
<p>8 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Christmas Breakfast FLC 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / Children Singing 4:30 pm Special Guest & Party in Ed. Bldg. 6:00 pm Christmas @ Concordia Kelly Wilson FLC All Day</p>	<p>9 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm BSA 6:30 pm Serendipity Circle @ Home of Connie Smith</p>	<p>10 6:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>11 5:00 pm Nurture & Care 6:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>12 Poinsettia Money DUE! 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	13	14
<p>15 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Mission Committee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>16 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm BSA</p>	<p>17 6:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>18 6:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class 7:00 pm Session Mtg</p>	20	21
<p>22 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / Christmas Joy Offering 11:45 am Worship Committee</p>	<p>23 9:00 am FEEDNC 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm BSA</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve! Church Office Closed 9:00 pm Candlelight Service with Communion</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>25 Christmas Day! Church Office Closed</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>26 Church Office Closed</p>	27	28
<p>29 1st Sunday of Christmas 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/ <i>Pennies for Hunger</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>30 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm BSA</p>	<p>31 New Years Eve!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>				<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>



“THOSE WHO SERVE”

MONTH LONG DUTIES:

Church Opening & Closing: Van Knox

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

DECEMBER 1, 2024

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

Front Door Before & After Service: Terri McKnight

Offering: Ushers Team 3

Sound System Operator: Stephen Hart

Children’s Church: TBD

DECEMBER 8, 2024

Officers on Call: Elder: Paul Moore (704) 264-9191

Front Door Before & After Service: Paul Moore

Offering: Ushers Team 4

Sound System Operator: Don Truedson

Children’s Church: Melody Morrison

DECEMBER 15, 2024

Officers on Call: Elder: Walter Teeter (704) 236-7980

Front Door Before & After Service: Walter Teeter

Offering: Ushers Team 4

Sound System Operator: Stephen Hart

Children’s Church: Connie Brown & Melody Morrison

DECEMBER 22, 2024

Officers on Call: Elder: Dale Burgess (704) 662-2513

Front Door Before & After Service: Dale Burgess

Offering: Ushers Team 4

Sound System Operator: Seth Burgess

Children’s Church: TBD

DECEMBER 29, 2024

Officers on Call: Elder: Bill Hart (704) 677-3503

Front Door Before & After Service: Bill Hart

Offering: Ushers Team 4

Sound System Operator: Stephen Hart

Children’s Church: TBD

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY!