

## PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Rev. William Gipe

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## THE SESSION

### Class of 2024

Karen Cornett

Van Knox

Terri McKnight

Paul Moore

Walter Teeter

Clerk of Session: Kevin Donaldson

Treasurer: Bill Hart

### Class of 2025

Dale Burgess

Bill Hart

Joy Miller

Johnny Wilkinson

Lee Williams

Asst. Treasurer: Van Knox

### Class of 2026

Mike Anderson

Kevin Donaldson

John Edmiston

Carla Kennedy

Mike Stacy

## SESSION COMMITTEES

**Administration and Personnel** – Bill Hart & Walter Teeter\*

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

**Christian Education, Fellowship & Outreach** – Dale Burgess\*

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

**Nurture and Care** – Joy Miller\* & Lee Williams

**Stewardship & Finance** – Bill Hart\*, Carla Kennedy & Van Knox

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

(\* Chair of Committee)

## TRUSTEES

Walter Teeter (2024)

Bill Hart (2025)

Mike Stacy (2026)

## 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

Historians – Pam Tulbert

Bereavement Team – Cheryl Chandler

## CIRCLE CHAIRPERSONS

ACTS/Lettie Beatty Circle – Melody Morrison

Serendipity Circle – Joy Miller



THIRD SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

## Prospect Presbyterian Church

9425 West NC 152 Highway

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent*

December 15, 2024

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 **"Three Festive Carols"** Hayes-Gaspard

SPECIAL ADVENT MUSIC ***Of the Father's Love***

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Candle of Peace Simth Family

RESPONSIVE LITANY: **Prince of Peace**

During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

**And he will be called the Prince of Peace.**

We wait for the one who can turn discord into perfect harmony.

**And he will be called the Prince of Peace.**

We wait for the one who can replace hate with love, and anger with understanding

**And he will be called the Prince of Peace.**

We wait for the one who can replace division with unity, and war with peace.

**And he will be called the Prince of Peace.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN **"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"** No. 133

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

ANTHEM **"Christmas Sanctus"** Lee Dengler  
*Amy Ford and Kristin Donaldson*

*See the weary pair, nestled in a stable bare,  
 Gazing at their baby boy, filled with love and praise.  
 Earth and heaven sing, worshipping the newborn King,  
 Who had come to change the world. Join in songs of praise:*

*Refrain:*

*Holy, holy, holy is the blessed one.  
 Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.*

*Holy, holy, holy is the promised Son.*

*Glory be to God in the highest!*

*See the shepherds run, searching for God's precious Son;*

*Kneeling at his manger bed, filled with love and praise.*

*Every knee will bow. Every tongue confessing now.*

*Jesus Christ is Lord of all. Join in songs of praise.*

*Refrain*

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.*

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES

Offertory **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** arr. Eleanor Whitsett

\*The Doxology No. 592

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 1: 1-17**

SERMON Rev. Will Gipe

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

\*HYMN **"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"** No. 128

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONALRESPONSE

**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 **"An Advent Postlude"** Charles Callahan

\*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.**

### Poinsettia Tributes

- *In memory of Bob and Lucille Shinn Neel by Frances Ann Neel*
- *In memory of Ellen & Stormy Brown, and Martha Brown by Connie Brown, Lane, Rachel, & Madison Marlowe*
- *In memory of George & Cheryl Edwards by Connie Brown*
- *In memory of Delane & Dot Marlowe by Connie Brown, Lane, Rachel, & Madison Marlowe*
- *In memory of Aubrey Price by Nancy Price & Family*
- *In memory of Eddie Dowdy by Jenny Dowdy*
- *In memory of Jenny Bennett by Dick Bennett, Bob Bennett & Glen Bennett*
- *In memory of Carol Jean Stutts by Larry Stutts and Donna & Lewis Anderson*
- *In memory of Bill Edmiston by Virginia Edmiston*
- *In memory of Blanche & J.D. Donahue by Kelly Wilson & family*
- *In memory of Janet Dennis by Kelly Wilson & family*
- *In memory of Melvin & Carole Wilson by Kelly Wilson & family*
- *In memory of Allen Jackson by Ann Jackson, Dale, Lisa & Seth Burgess, Brian, Candace & Andrew Jackson*
- *In memory of Randy Westbrook by Lynde Mesa-Widener*
- *In memory of Ellen Richardson by Lynde Mesa-Widener*
- *In memory of Beverly McGary by Janice Poulter*
- *In memory of Reggie & Carolyn Cooke by Erskine & Connie Smith*
- *In memory of Nat & Ginny Smith by Erskine & Connie Smith*
- *In memory of Pat Brewer by Mike Brewer, Amy Boyce, Todd & Tracy Brewer, & Thomas & Madison Starnes*
- *In memory of Faye Brewer by Mike Brewer*
- *In memory of Jo Beatty by Mac Robinette*
- *In memory of Violet Robinette by Mac Robinette*
- *In memory of Hugh & Pearl McLean by Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren*
- *To the Glory of God by Anonymous*
- *In appreciation & honor of Violet Knox by the Disciples Sunday School Class*
- *In appreciation & honor of Prospect Presbyterian Church Staff by Jenny Dowdy*
- *In honor of the Administration Team of Prospect by Kelly Wilson*
- *In honor of Melody Morrison by ACTS/Lettie Beatty Circle*
- *In honor of Reba Connolly by Marie & James Parker, Bobby & Linda Fesperman*

**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.

**3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT, TODAY:** The **Second Advent** candle will be lit by Connie & Erskine Smith

**PLEDGE CARDS:** Please turn in your pledge card as soon as possible. If you did not receive one, there are extra pledge cards available in the Narthex and or the church office.

**January Newsletter Deadline is Monday, December 23, 2024.**

**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. The Joy Gift offering will be received on **Sunday, December 22nd**. Envelopes will be provided.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Tuesday 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.

**Church Office Holiday Schedule:** The Church Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays December 24<sup>th</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup> and will be closed on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for a New Year's holiday. Please remember that your end of the year contributions should be turned in to the church office by Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you!

### **Health News:**

- **The exercise class** continues Monday and Thursday from 11:00 to 12:00. This class is so much fun and would benefit so many congregation members!
- **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.

**For Prayer:**

**Missionary:**

Justin & Kristen Raymer (African Island Mission in Washington DC)  
Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)

**Local Church:**

First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury

**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	Lannie & Carolyn Sigmon
Jo Powers	Dick Bennett
Beverly Bartlett	Jackie McKnight
May Dauer	Lynda Fries
Hal Stutts	Larry Stutts
Roy Watkins	Rick Yokeley
Teresa Compton	Glenda Alexander
Mary Lowrance	Don & Judy Truedson
Carol Linker	Sharron Clanton
Teeter Family	Wayne Chandler
Mary Beth Edmiston	

**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*)

**Elder on Call:** Walter Teeter 704-236-7980

**Open/Close Church:** Van Knox

**Children's Church:** Connie Brown & Melody Morrison

**Sound System:** Stephen Hart

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

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

8:30 am – Mission Committee  
9:30 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am – Worship

**Monday, December 16, 2024**

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

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

6:00 pm – Choir Practice

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!**

6:30 pm – Dinner and Bible Study, FLC

**Thursday, December 19, 2024**

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

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

9:30 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am – Worship / Christmas Joy Offering  
11:45 am – Worship Committee

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

<b><u>Attendance:</u></b>	Sunday School:	50
	Worship:	130

<b><u>Offering:</u></b>	General Fund:	\$6,291
	Development Fund:	\$620
	Western NC:	\$100

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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