

## PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## CHURCH STAFF

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## THE SESSION

### Class of 2024

Karen Cornett

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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



FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

## Prospect Presbyterian Church

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

December 22, 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.*

A WORD FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Justin Raymer

PRELUDE

*Once in Royal David's City*  
*Richard Woods, Saxophone*

arr. Sondra Tucker

CALL TO WORSHIP

*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
*Handbell Choir*

arr. Jason Krug

SPECIAL ADVENT MUSIC

*Of the Father's Love*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Candle of Love

Cornett Family

RESPONSIVE LITANY:

**Everlasting Father**

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

**And he will be called Everlasting Father.**

We wait for the one who knows our deepest thoughts, and fulfills our every need.

**And he will be called Everlasting Father.**

We wait for the one who will love us unconditionally, as a parent loves a child

**And he will be called Everlasting Father.**

We wait for the one whose grace and mercy will never end.

**And he will be called Everlasting Father.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN

*"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

No. 145

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES

Offertory

*"Christmas Angels"*  
*Richard Woods, Saxophone*

Joel Raney

\*The Doxology

No. 592

LESSONS IN WORD & SONG

*Christmas Comes to Us*

\*HYMN

*"Joy to the World"*

No. 125

\* 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

*How Great Our Joy*

arr. Shill 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** we would like to welcome our missionaries Justin and Kristin Raymer and the children to worship with us and talk about the wonderful mission works.

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT, TODAY:** The **Fourth Advent** candle will be lit by Karen, Nick, Sam & Charleston Cornett

**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.**

**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.

### 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*

**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.

**Secret Sisters** questionnaire sheet for 2025. Per Judie Sellers, they need to be turned in by January 15, 2025, to either Judie, Becky, and or Emily Moore. Hope you will consider participating this year. Invite and share! There are extra forms on the Secret Sisters table in the Commons Area downstairs. Any questions, please Judie Sellers at 704-605-1818.



**For Prayer:**

**Missionary:**

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

**Local Church:**

First Presbyterian Church, Statesville

**Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:**

Betty Alexander (Autumn Care, Salisbury)  
Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)  
Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)  
Ann Collier (Summit Place, Mooresville)  
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
Sharron Clanton	Mary Beth Edmiston
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*)

**Elder on Call:** Dale Burgess 704-662-2513 **Open/Close Church:** Van Knox

**Children's Church:** TBD

**Sound System:** Stephen Hart

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

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

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

**Monday, December 23, 2024**

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!**

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

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

Church Office Closed for the Holiday  
9:00 pm – Candle Light Service

**Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2024**

Church Office Closed for the Holiday

**Thursday, December 26, 2024**

Church Office Closed for the Holiday

**Sunday, December 29, 2024**

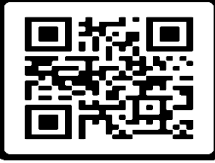
9:30 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am – Worship / Pennies for Hungry Offering

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

<b><u>Attendance:</u></b>	Sunday School:	50
	Worship:	145

<b><u>Offering:</u></b>	General Fund:	\$16,496
	Development Fund:	\$50
	Joy Offering:	\$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.



**SCAN ME**



*Love Cam Down at Christmas*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Hill

*Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angel gave the sign.*

*Love so great, God's only Son came from heaven to earth  
That none should perish who on Christ believe,  
But everlasting life shall they receive.*

*Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine.  
Worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love so great, God's only Son came from heaven to earth  
That none should perish who on Christ believe,  
But everlasting life shall they receive.*

*Love shall be our token; Love be yours and Love be mine;  
Love to God and all the earth, Love for plea and gift and sign.  
Love came down at Christmas.*

***To the World, Joy!***

Antioch tune – George Frideric Handel  
Arr. Joel Raney

*Handbell Choir*



**CHRISTMAS COMES TO US**  
**Lessons in Word and Song**

Kevin Donaldson & Becky Hart

**A Prayer for Advent**

Music by Douglas Nolan

Chancel Choir

*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*Deliver us from doubt and fear.*

*Grant us joy and peace. Restore our hope, redeem our hearts, let our sorrows cease.*

*Let all our bitterness and hate surrender to*

*Your loving way, O Veni, Veni, come, Emmanuel.*

*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel. Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*Our longing hearts are waiting, Lord, waiting in the night.*

*Let all the clouds of sin and shame give way to truth and light.*

*Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease.*

*Fill all the world with joy and peace.*

*O Veni, Veni, come, Emmanuel.*

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

*O Israel. Come, O come, Emmanuel.*

**“Such a Small King”**

Music by C. Harry Causey

Dixie Forbes-Gorby, soloist

Edited by Craig Courtney

*Such a small King, isn't He? Such a small King.*

*How can He bring deliverance to me?*

*Can He be the One who'll set us free?*

*Such a small King. Such a small boy.*

*What can I bring to worship Him?*

*What can I bring? Angels sing, and Wise Men bring him gold.*

*Shepherds kneel to shield Him from the cold.*

*Such a small King. Such a small boy.*

*I can bring Him a candle and lamp to light His way.*

*I can bring Him a lamb's warm wool to place*

*on the hay. Bring Him a song of love for the shepherds to play. '*

*Tis a Savior that's born today.*

*Such a small King, isn't he? Such a small King.*

*Yet He will bring deliverance to me.*

*Prophets foretold His place in history.*

*Such a small King. Such a small boy.*

*Only His Name will reign eternally.*

*Such a small King. Such a small boy.*

**“I Wonder As I Wander”**

Appalachian Carol

Arr. John Jacob Niles & Lewis Henry Horton

Kristin Donaldson, Soloist

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how*

*Jesus the Savior did come for to die*

*For poor on 'ry people like you and like I.*

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall with*

*wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.*

*But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,*

*and the promise of ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,*

*a star in the sky or a bird on the wing,*

*Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,*

*He surely could have it, for He was the King.*

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how*

*Jesus the Savior did come for to die*

*For poor on 'ry people like you and like*

*I. I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

**“Christmas Dreams”**

Music by Heather Sorenson

Amy Ford, soloist

*On that Christmas night when mystic stars shone bright,*

*A wistful blind man moved in sleep and dreamed that he had sight.*

*That night when shepherds heard an angel choir near,*

*A deaf man stirred in slumber's spell and dreamed that he could hear.*

*Refrain:*

*Child of healing, Child of hope, take the things that hurt us most,*

*And with Your touch, they'll be redeemed, Holy Child of Christmas dreams.*

*On that night in cattle stall, a King slept through the cold.*

*A cripple turned his twisted limbs and dreamed that He was whole. He dreamed.*

*That night when o'er the Babe, young Mary rose to lean,*

*A loathsome leper smiled in sleep and dreamed that he was clean.*

*Refrain*

*That night in manger lay the Child who came to save.*

*A man moved in the sleep of death and dreamed there was no grave.*

*Refrain*