

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

Church Office Hours:
 Monday – Thursday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
 Closed for lunch: 1:30pm - 2:30pm
 Closed on Friday's

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

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S KEYBOARD:

This is the month of Thanksgiving. Being thankful is one of the primary ways we praise God. Thankfulness and obedience to God are very much connected. The great Christian writer CS Lewis had some great thoughts about praise (and thankfulness). I am sharing them here at length because it has really helped me. Lewis wrote:

“I had never noticed that *all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise*. The world rings with praise: Lovers praising their loved ones, players praising their favorite game; praise of weather, dishes, actors, cars, horses, colleges, countries, historical persons, children, flowers, mountains, even sometimes politicians or scholars. I had not noticed how the humblest, and at the same time most balanced and biggest minds, praised the most, while the cranks, misfits, and malcontents praised the least. **Praise almost seems to be inner health made audible.** I had not noticed either that just as people spontaneously praise whatever they value, so they spontaneously urge us to join them in praising it: “Isn’t she lovely? Wasn’t it glorious? Don’t you think that magnificent?” The Psalmists, in telling everyone to praise God, are doing what all people do when they speak of what they care about. I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because . It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete until it is expressed. It is frustrating to have discovered a new author and not to be able to tell anyone how good he is; to hear a good joke and find no one to share it with.”

Christians have found out how generous our Savior is with His love, His gifts, His blood. We are made to praise AND to express our thanksgiving for all of the good things God has given us. Moreover, God wants us to share the joy we have been given. Christians are thankful people. Our gratitude will lead into obedience. Thankful people are generous people – generous with their time, generous with their love, generous with their money, generous with their forgiveness. Let us keep thanking God and praising God by the way we live. We thank HIM: for all the good things in our lives; for HIS promise that HE walks with us through the tough things in our lives; and for HIS great promise that the best things are yet to come.

Have a good November friends. You are loved.

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<p>ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES</p> <p>Suggested Donation for November:</p> <p>Diapers</p> 	<p>The Church office will be closed November 26 and 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday!</p>  <p>Will Be Closed:</p>	<p>Happy Thanksgiving!</p> <p>From Your Church Staff: Will, Cheryl, Kelly, Pat and Kelly</p> <p>May your family be blessed throughout this holiday season!</p> 
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Session News

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on October 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., moderated by Reverend Will Gipe.

Account balances as of October 15, 2025 were reported as follows:

General Fund Balance - \$182,560

Development Fund Balance – \$39,069

Rental Money Market - \$78,371

General Fund Reserve Balane - \$72,918

General Fund Reserve Treasuries - \$100,000



- ◆ Stewardship Sunday will be November 16, 2025.
- ◆ Selected a nominating committee of Dale Burgess, Joy Miller, Johnny Wilkinson, June Goodman and Becky Hart to work on nominations for Church Elders for 2026.
- ◆ Lee Williams will be taking over as chair of the Christian Education and Fellowship Committee in 2026.
- ◆ Discussed security of Church during church services and the research and planning that has been done so far.
- ◆ Discussed and reviewed a list of future projects developed by the Building and Grounds Committee.

As your Session, we always welcome questions and comments.

Kevin Donaldson, Clerk of Session

Top Ten Reasons We Should Tithe:

10. Our church started a new stewardship drive; every time you give, your chances of winning increase!
9. There's no money for new choir robes, so the choir has started wearing their bathrobes during the service.
8. The last few Sundays, the Treasurer has gotten up in the middle of the sermon to turn off the air conditioner.
7. Pastor no longer drives his car to make visits; he rides a skateboard.
6. All the Session members have started wearing sackcloth and ashes.
5. Unable to afford childcare, sheepdogs are now keeping the toddlers rounded up.
4. You tried calling the Church Office last week, but found out that the phone has been disconnected!
3. Parking meters had to be installed in the church parking lot.
2. You noticed a ticket booth has replaced the front door of the church. Entry is free, but a seat will cost you \$5.

And the Number One Reason to tithe...

1. As a Christian you understand the privilege it is to have a partnership in the Gospel!
Malachi 3:8-10



Hunter Setzer	11/01
Matt Sellers	11/02
Kelley Stutts	11/02
Alex Crosby	11/03
Chuck Miller	11/07
Beverley Bartlett	11/08
Nancy Alsobrook	11/09
Marcia Petford	11/09
Brittain Tulbert	11/11
Remington Linker	11/13
David Bradshaw	11/18
Corey Wilkinson	11/18
Kim Cavin	11/21
Cristal Howie	11/21
Hayes Wilkinson	11/23
Meredith Booth	11/24
Judy Truedson	11/24
Bart Tulbert	11/24
Shelby Booth	11/26
Betty Bradshaw	11/26
Dan Edmiston	11/26
Jody Oliphant	11/26
Lewis Anderson	11/29
Douglas Carrigan	11/30
Reba Connolly	11/30

Kaitlyn & Brandon Mundy	Nov. 2
Dan & Kay Cornelison	Nov. 4
Roger & Lisa Stapleton	Nov. 4
Chuck & Donna Smith	Nov. 7
Bud & Dale McKnight	Nov 19
Paul & Emily Moore	Nov 20
Kenny & Linda Seamon	Nov 21

During the advent season, we will display poinsettias in the sanctuary beginning on Sunday, December 14th. Poinsettias will be available for purchase for \$10 each. We will **ONLY** order what is paid for in advance. **Orders and payment must be received in the church office by Thursday, December 11th.** 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 14th.



September Financial Report

General Fund:

Monthly Income through 09-30-25:	\$102,871
Monthly Expenses through 09-30-25:	\$111,831
Expenses GREATER than Income for month:	\$8,960

Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 09-30-2025:	\$38,930
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**Sunday, November 23rd
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service:**

Concordia Lutheran, Centenary Methodist, and Prospect Presbyterian and possible others, will gather together for our annual Thanksgiving Worship Service at 6 pm at Centenary UMC on Sunday, November 23rd. Thanks to everyone who is taking a part in making this a truly memorable evening. More information concerning the singing and possibility of a meal to be determined.



**GIVEN IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF ...**

Tink Wilkinson

By:

Frances Ann Neel
Alice & Eddie Clingenpeel
John & Roxanne Wiggins
Lynn Britz
Tommy & Renee McLelland

Judy Stacy

By:

Pam Tulbert



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)
Margie Swiggett (Autumn Care, Statesville)
Judy Truedson (Autumn Care, Cornelius)
Tink Wilkinson (Cadence Living – Mooresville)

Please Remember:

Ella Mae Stewart	Tommy McLelland
Jo Powers	Dick Bennett
Beverly Bartlett	Jackie McKnight
Wyatt Fesperman	Lynda Fries
Wayne & Cheryl Chandler	Hal Stutts
Roy Watkins	Rick Yokeley
Teresa Compton	Glenda Alexander
Mary Lowrance	Don Truedson
Carol Linker	Sharron Clanton
Larry Stutts	May Dauer
Dianne Davis	

Friends & Family 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 Stenstrom (*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*)



Mt. Ulla Elementary students: Once again, we will be helping the Mt. Ulla Elementary students by providing Christmas gifts to the families who are in need. If you would like to adopt a student, you will be given a gift list that will include clothing items and sizes as well as a requested toy item. Please notify Beth Stephens of your desire to help.

(Email: beth13@windstream.net) Once the student list has been provided to us, you will be notified along with information about the collection date. 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.

Christians Sharing Warmth month: Rather than our traditional Mitten Tree in January, we are making November a CHRISTIANS SHARING WARMTH month. We are asking for new mittens/gloves, scarves, hats, thermal underwear, and good, warm coats for all ages (both kids and adults). Donations will be divided between local agencies, such as Mooresville Christian Mission, and Hurricane Helene victims in Western NC. Please have all donations to the church no later than Sunday, November 30.

Operation Christmas Child: It is Samaritans Purse Shoebox time! The Mission Committee would like to encourage each member and/or family unit to prepare their own Samaritans Purse Shoebox and to please follow the Samaritans Purse guidelines. The guidelines can be found online, or you may get a copy in the church office. We also have some Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes available. Please return your filled shoeboxes to the church by **Sunday, November 16th**. Dresses will be available from the Dress a Girl Around the World organization for those doing shoe boxes for little girls. Sizes will be on the front of each dress. Please contact Connie Smith at 704-677 4277 if you have any questions.

Wreath for Veterans project: Wreath for Veterans is a non-profit organization whose goal is to provide an honor wreath for every veteran's headstone in the National Cemetery in Salisbury, NC during Christmas. Last year they fell well short of their goal. The Mission Committee has chosen to honor the veterans of Prospect Presbyterian church by purchasing 30 wreaths to assist with this year's campaign. If you are interested in also assisting with this cause, the wreathes are \$8.00 each and may be purchased through their website at www.wreathforveterans.org. For further information, please contact Jenny Dowdy.

The response to covering the lunch for the 25 Kids in Kenya has been so very generous. We are glad to report that we have received enough funding to cover those 25 children for all of 2026. The congregation's generosity and heart is very impressive and appreciated. All praise to God from whom such blessings flow.

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS:

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE! Mark you calendar, Thursday, November 13th, 2:30 to 7:00 pm in the family life center. PLEASE give is you can. Be someone's **ThanksGIVING** and or **CHRISTmas** gift!

Exercise Class continues to meet every Monday & Thursday a 11:00 am, in the family life center. We need more members! ALL are invited! If you attend Bible study on Thursday mornings, please consider staying for exercise class. **YOU WILL HAVE FUN!**

SAVE THE DATE: November 20th at 2:00 pm - The will be a Preparation for the Holidays: A Discussion about grief. More information to come. Watch the bulletins.

Please let me know if you would be willing to participate in a Grief workshop n November. I would love to have at least 4 participants. If you are interested, please call me at the church, or my cell# 980-521-6028 or email me at kelly.wilson@advocatehealth.org.

Health Observances:

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| 1. National Diabetes Education Week | November 2-8 |
| 2. National Nurse Practitioner Week | November 9-15 |
| 3. World Diabetes Day | November 14 |
| 4. Great American Smoke out | November 20 |
| 5. National Family Health History Day | November 27 |



Golden Prospectors!

Golden Prospectors will meet on **Tuesday, November 18th at 12:00 pm** for lunch in the Family Life Center. This will be a **COVERED DISH** lunch. The meat will be provided. Please bring a covered dish and or dessert to share and be thankful for.



We will plan our December gathering and start planning for 2026. Hope to see everyone there. PLEASE sign up on the board outside the church office. Need a count for the meat. Thank you.



Men's fellowship meeting Tuesday before Thanksgiving November 25th @ 7pm Blue Bay Restaurant on Hwy 70, Salisbury.



Attention Prospect Veterans! We want to thank and honor you again this year in the Veteran's Day Parade. The parade will be held in downtown Mooresville on November 11 at 1:00pm. We will have all our veterans' names on the float and invite all veterans to ride on the float. Please contact Joy Miller if you will be able to participate, we had a great time last year! If you have questions or to reserve your seat, email Joy at clm101@msn.com and put "Veteran" in the subject line, or text Joy at 919-698-7946. If you do not get confirmation from Joy, contact Cheryl at the church office, we don't want anyone to miss out!

FALL BACK!
Daylight Saving
Time Ends,
November 2, 2025
Set your clocks back
one hour!!!



Circle Name
Lettie Beatty/ACTS
Serendipity
Sisters in Christ

Date & Time
Nov. 5, 10:00 am
Nov. 3, 6:30 pm
Nov. 18 6:30 pm

Meeting Location
Family Life Center
Family Life Center
Family Life Center

Young Disciples

Young Disciples will meet **November 9th** after church in the family life center. Lunch will be provided. Don't forget Trunk or Treat will be **November 1st** at 4:30. Last chance for candy and to wear your costume. Feel free to bring your friends with you and tell your neighbors. Annual Christmas party will be **December 14th**. More details to come. Hope to see everyone at these events.

Emily and Connie



Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be **November 1st** at 4:30 this year. Please bring your trunks and hand out treats. It's a good time to use all your left over candy. Hope you will come out and support our young members.

Don't forget the kids will be doing their Christmas thing on Sunday, December 7th during worship. They will have rehearsal on Saturday, December 6st at 9:30 am.

Advent

The first Sunday in Advent this year will be November 30th. We will have our annual soup and sandwich lunch on Sunday, November 23rd after church in the FLC. Worship will be decorating the church on Saturday, November 22nd starting at 10:00. Feel free to join us if you would like to help. Due to conflicts in scheduling we are having to do things a little earlier this year. Worship Committee



We are starting a Game Day Club! The first meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18th, @ 2:00 pm in the Family Life Center. We will have several games to play, including Phase 10, Skipbo, and Farkle. Don't worry if you are not familiar with these games; they are simple and easy to learn! Please let Kelly Wilson know if you would like to attend so that the appropriate amount of snacks can be provided. RSVP at 980-521-6028 or kelly.wilson@advocatehealth.org

Stewardship Committee



Stewardship packets containing pledge cards will be mailed. It contains a copy of our proposed budget for 2026 and your pledge card. Dedication Sunday will be on November 16th. Each contribution enables us to make a difference. We need the support and financial commitment of each member to be a strong church with a strong witness for Jesus Christ. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge to Prospect for 2026. If we trust God and have confidence in Him, we can do amazing things.



November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 All Saints' Day! <u>Remember to Change your Clocks Back!</u> 1-4 pm Car Show 4:30 Trunk or Treat
2 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / Communion	3 11:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Serendipity FLC	4 Election Day!	5 10:00 am ACTS/ Lettie Beaty 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	6 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class	7	8 Adam Seaford FLC ALL DAY
9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Building & Grounds 8:30 am CE & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Sheppard Meeting FLC 11:45 am Young Disciples FLC	10 11:00 am Exercise Class	11 Veterans Day! 	12 5:00 pm Nurture & Care 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	13 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class	14	15 Kevin Jackson FLC ALL DAY
16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Missions 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / Stewardship Shoebox Dedication 	17 11:00 am Exercise Class	18 12:00 pm Golden Prospectors Covered Dish Lunch FLC 6:30 Sisters In Christ Circle	19 6:30 pm Dinner & Bible Study	20 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Exercise Class 2:00 pm Prep for Holidays 7:00 pm Session Meeting	21	22 Joy Miller FLC ALL DAY
23 Christ the King/Reign of Christ 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Advent Lunch / Putting up Christmas Decorations 6:00 pm Ecumenical Service @ Centenary UMC	24 9:00 am FEEDNC 11:00 am Exercise Class	25 7:00 pm Men's Fellowship Blue Bay Salisbury Hwy 70	26 Church Office Closed	27 Thanksgiving Day! Church Office Closed 	28	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / Penny's for Hunger Offering						



“Those Who Serve”

MONTH LONG DUTIES:

Church Opening & Closing: Mike Stacy

Ushers: Dale Burgess, Head Usher. Seth Burgess,
Mike Stacy, Randy Oliphant, Chuck Miller

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Officers on Call: **Elder:** Erskine Smith 704-664-0301

Front Door Before & After Service: Erskine Smith

Offering: Ushers Team 3

Sound System Operator: Stephen Hart
Children’s Church: TBD

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Officers on Call: **Elder:** Roger Stapleton 704-430-7812

Front Door Before & After Service: Roger Stapleton

Offering: Ushers Team 3

Sound System Operator: TBD
Children’s Church: TBD

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Officers on Call: **Elder:** Dale Burgess 704-662-2513

Front Door Before & West Side After Service: Dale Burgess

Offering: Ushers Team 3

Sound System Operator: Stephen Hart
Children’s Church: Melody Morrison

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Officers on Call: **Elder:** Bill Hart 704-677-3503

Front Door Before & After Service: Bill Hart

Offering: Ushers Team 3

Sound System Operator: TBD
Children’s Church: Melody Morison

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Officers on Call: **Elder:** Joy Miller 919-698-7946

Front Door Before & After Service: Joy Miller

Offering: Ushers Team 3

Sound System Operator: TBD
Children’s Church: Melody Morison

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO AVAILABILITY!