

PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor – Rev. William Gipe

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THE SESSION

Class of 2026

Mike Anderson

Kevin Donaldson

John Edmiston

Carla Kennedy

Mike Stacy

Clerk of Session: Kevin Donaldson

Treasurer: Bill Hart

Class of 2027

Connie Brown

Karen Cornett

Mark Reid

Erskine Smith

Roger Stapleton

Asst. Treasurer: Van Knox

Class of 2028

Bill Hart

Nick Johnston

Shannon Knox

Walter Teeter

Lee Williams

SESSION COMMITTEES

Administration and Personnel –Bill Hart, & Erskine Smith*

Building and Grounds– Mike Anderson, & Mike Stacy*

Cemetery – Roger Stapleton*

Christian Education, Fellowship & Outreach –Shannon Knox*

Mission –Carla Kennedy* - Connie Brown

Nurture and Care – Lee Williams*

Stewardship & Finance –Bill Hart*& Carla Kennedy

Worship and Music –John Edmiston & Karen Cornett*

(* Chair of Committee)

TRUSTEES

Mike Stacy (2026)

Connie Brown (2027)

Bill Hart (2028)

USHERS

Chairperson – Tommy McLelland

January, May, September – Brian Jackson

February, June, October – Nick Cornett

March, July, November – Dale Burgess

April, August, December – Jenny Dowdy

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



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Organized 1824



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 10:30 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to welcome everyone to worship this morning. If you notice a new face, please take a moment greet them & welcome them to Prospect Presbyterian Church.

PRELUDE **"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"** arr. Michael Burkhardt

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN **"God of Grace and God of Glory"** No. 292

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM **River in Judea** arr. Leavitt

*Oftentimes I dream of music, Of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, One everybody knows.*

*Late at night, I hear it singing. Then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, The will to go on, Go on.*

*There is a river in Judea That I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river That my soul cries out To know.*

*I believe it keeps on trav'lin' But it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.*

*When I'm weary and downhearted, How I long for the song it sings,
For the calm within its gentle blue, The peace that it brings, it brings.*

*There is a river in Judea That I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river That my soul cries out To know.*

*May the time not be too distant When we meet by the river (meet by the) shore.
'Til then dream of that wonderful day As we sing once more, once more:*

*There is a river in Judea (hallelu) That I heard of long ago (hallelu),
It's a singing, ringing river That my soul cries out (my soul cries out)
To the river in Judea. Hallelujah!!!*

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES

(Children 4th grade & younger may meet in the vestibule to attend children's church)

OFFERTORY **It Is Well with My Soul** arr. Johnny Innes

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 624

SCRIPTURE **Luke 15: 11-32**

SERMON Rev. Will Gipe

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN **"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"** No. 371

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"** No. 607.
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

*POSTLUDE **"Prelude in C Major"** J. S. 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.**

Health News:

- The **exercise group** will begin meeting again on Mondays and Thursdays at 11:00 am to 12 pm. All are welcome.
- **The Nurture & Care Committee will host Grief Share**, a program designed to support those dealing with grief through God's word. There are two meeting times for your convenience. Monday nights, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm OR Tuesday mornings, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. All are welcome. Your loss need not be recent. Meetings consist of a brief video, a group discussion, and the use of the personal workbook provided to you.

Dear Congregation, we are excited to begin our year-round collection for Operation Christmas Child. This year, our goal is to prepare 300 shoeboxes, and we are looking for savvy shoppers to help us reach this target. For the month of April, we are specifically collecting items for girls ages 2–9. **Please bring your donations to THE COMMONS AREA!** Gift Suggestions: Clothing: Shirts, pants, underwear, flip flops, shoes, socks, sunglasses, hair bows, and hats/mittens/scarves. Crafts & Activities: Watercolor sets, puzzles, stickers, chalkboards and chalk, jump ropes, binoculars, or make-it-yourself craft kits. For more gift ideas or to purchase in bulk, you can search for "Operation Christmas Child" on Amazon. Thank you for your support of this meaningful mission. Best regards, Lisa Stapleton

VBS '26! Join us for **"God's Camp Creation"** Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11! Dinner will be served at 5:30 and activities will be from 6:00-8:00. Vacation Bible School will be for children ages pre-k through rising 7th grade. **All** other ages, including adults, are invited to join the fun by volunteering to assist in teaching the Bible lessons, one of our fun craft activities, painting our creation backdrop or singing songs. Of course, you can just drop by and see our younger generation learning and singing about God's creation!



Scan the QR code to register online or contact Joy Miller (919-698-7946 / clm101@msn.com) if you have questions, to register or to volunteer! We are looking forward to an exciting time at **God's Camp Creation!** Your VBS Team, Shannon, Kiki, Amy, Emily, Meredith, Candace, Beth, Harriet, Connie, Judie, Kelly, Becky, Julie, and Joy.

VBS Team will meet on Tuesday, May 5th and Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 in the FLC. If you are not already on the team, but would like to help, please come!

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.*

The beautiful flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God for Michael Wilson in honor of his birthday by his lovely wife Kelly Wilson.

Mother-Daughter Banquet: Our annual Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held on **May 3rd** at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. All women are invited as we are all a mother and/or a daughter. Our speaker will be Amy Decaron from HOPE of Mooresville. If you would like to bring a donation for them, they can use Clorox or Lysol wipes, soaps, dish detergents and clothes detergent or any other cleaning supplies. Please bring a salad and/or dessert to share with everyone. We hope to see everyone there!

SHEPHERDS MEETING: Hope everyone is good. Our next meeting will be: **Sunday, May 17th**, after Worship at 11:45 AM, in the FLC. Light Lunch will be provided. Please bring your Shepherd List. Let me know if you cannot attend. Thank you, Barbara Lyerly.

Who are our Graduates! If you are a 2026 graduate of either an area high school or college, we want to know of your accomplishment. Please let the church office now by **May 10**, your name and the school you are graduating from as soon as possible. We plan to recognize your achievement and we don't want to miss anyone! Please be present in worship on **May 17, 2026**, for a special time of recognition.

SAVE THE DATE: Golden Prospectors will be meeting on **May 19th** at 11:30 am at Porky's BBQ restaurant in China Grove. **PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Need to make reservations. Call the church office for questions!

SAVE THE DATE: Our church picnic will be on **Sunday, May 31st**. We have shelter B reserved from 3 to 8 pm and we will plan to have dinner at 5:00 pm. Village Park 700 West C. Street Kannapolis NC 28081

For Prayer:

Missionary:

Dan Davidson (Filter of Hope)
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 (Trinity Oaks, Salisbury)
Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)
May Dauer (Best of Care Kannapolis)
Frances Ann Neel (The Pines, Davidson)

Please Remember:

Mary Beth Edmiston	Benton Stacy
Ella Mae Stewart	Sharron Clanton
Judy Truedson	Dale Reading
Jackie McKnight	Bob & Jan Spear
Lynda Fries	Dianne Davis
Pat McCall	Dixie Forbes-Gorby
Beverly Bartlett	Pam Tulbert
Chuck Smith	Dave Howie
Michael Steed	

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Jimmy Blackwelder (*Eye issues, brother of Tommy Blackwelder & Marilyn Hinds*)
Frank McCall (*Friend of Edie Steele*)
Dean Burgess (*Heart blockage, brother of Dale Burgess*)
Pat Hollar (*Heart Issues, Mother of Kelly Hutchinson*)
Frank Owens (*Cancer*)
Beatrice Clare Hibbs (*Eye Cancer 7 mths old, Great Neice of the Morrisons*)
Marty Featherstone (*Leukemia, friend of John Edmiston*)
Davis Family (*Friends of Edie Steele*)
Debra Teeter (*Brain Cancer, sister-in-law of Eric & Judy Teeter*)
Cindy Bean (*Cancer, friend of Debi Wilkinson*)
Wrenley McDowell (*infant granddaughter of friends of Dave & Cristal Howie*)
Terry Pardew (*battling cancer, friend of many in the congregation*)
Kristen Guerrero (*Breast Cancer & Brain Lesions friend of Nyra Moore*)
Presley Seagroves (*2 yr old granddaughter of Linda Brooks – Type 1 Diabetic*)
Sandi Smith (*Sister of Cristal Howie*)
Jerry Abel (*Leukemia, brother of Mary Beth Edmiston*)
Todd Harkey (*Heart & Lungs, friend of Jodie & Randy Oliphant*)
Deborah Stenstram (*Cancer, friend of John Edmiston*)
Jan Milos (*Kidney Cancer, friend of Cristal Howie*)
Beth Segui' (*Parkinson's, daughter of Betty Alexander*)
Janet Baker (*Cancer, friend of John Edmiston*)
Rachel Shinn Stone (*Breast Cancer, cousin of Frances Ann Neel*)
Kaye Bridges (*Cancer Friend and neighbor of Connie Brown*)
Myra Kelly (*Lung Cancer (Mother of Kiki Reid & Sister-in-Law of Jenny Dowdy)*)

Elder on Call: John Edmiston 704-763-1330 **Opening & Closing Church:** Bill Hart

Children's Church: Joy Miller

Sound System: Stephen Hart

Ushers/Offering: Brian Jackson, Head Usher; Paul Moore, Kenny Seamon, Cole Sellers, Edie Steele, Vance Moore

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:30 am – CE & Fellowship Committee
9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship / Communion
5:00 pm – Mother Daughter Banquet FLC

Monday, May 4, 2026

11:00 am – Exercise Class
6:30 pm – Grief Share FLC
6:30 pm – Serendipity Circle

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

10:00 am – Grief Share Class
6:30 pm – Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

National Nurses Day!
6:30 pm – Dinner & Bible Study

Thursday, May 7, 2026

10:00 am – Bible Study
11:00 am – Exercise Class

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Ann Jackson FLC All Day

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2026

8:30 am – Building & Grounds Committee
9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Attendance: Sunday School: 43
Worship: 150

Offering:

General Fund:	\$7,500
Development Fund:	\$985
Hope of Mooresville:	\$1,675
Pennies for Hunger:	\$1,070

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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