

Prospect Presbyterian Church
December 3, 2017
Maplewood, New Jersey



OUR MISSION:

To be a family in Christ, reaching out to all with love, prayer and service... through worship, education, mission and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace and call.

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of my mother, Doris A. Wilson and in celebration of my father, Clarence Wilson, from Adrienne and Ed Bolden.

Liturgist: Cleta McLeod

Ushers: Kathie Osborne and Willie Mae Charles, and Allison Bisbey with Property Management Ministry volunteers

Fellowship Time Host:

Multi Media Ministry: Rick Noll, Josh Abdill and Holden Colter

Communion Servers: Chris Stetson, Suellen Galish, Salma Jones

Readings:

Isaiah 64:1-9	pg. 643
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19	pg. 510
I Corinthians 1:3-9	pg. 991
Mark 13:24-37	pg. 882

Hymns:

84 Creator of the Stars of Night
97 Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night

The Deacon of the month of December is Annelise Orjuela (347-451-3419). If you know of any church member in need, please call the DOM.

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer will give today's sermon entitled "*Formed By God*"

Please remember in your prayers...

*In an effort to keep the prayer list current, names are removed each month unless specifically requested to remain.

Announcements

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP: Please take this time to fill in the yellow form included in the announcement sheet. All information you will need for the service is projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary. For this week, congregational responses on the screen are printed in **bold white**. If you do not wish to keep today's bulletin, kindly dispose of it in the recycling baskets located at each of the sanctuary doors. Thank you!

SENSATIONAL SUNDAY will gather all ages in Fellowship Hall from 9:15-10:15 December 17. Please join us as we hear the Bible lesson for the morning and sing Christmas carols in what has become an annual Prospect tradition. We will then share our Advent joy by packing cookies for the lunches that will be distributed at Penn Station in Newark that afternoon. If you are able to donate two or more dozen cookies, please contact Rita Boyer by December 13.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets Monday, December 11 from 10:-11:30 AM in the Burnett Room. All women are invited to this special Advent session, which takes us on a tour of angelic messengers in the Bible and reminds us that we never know when an encounter may bring us God's messages of love and support.

MIDDLE HIGHS return from their Johnsonburg Retreat today! Thanks to Anne Love and Winston Watson for chaperoning our youth!

YOUNG ADULTS (20's-early 30's?) are invited to dinner at the Boyer's home on Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Rita by Thursday, December 7.

It is almost that time.... The **Secret Shoppe** will be held This Saturday, December 9, from 9 -1. A lot of preparation goes into this event loved by Prospect and community children. Set up of the event will be on Friday, December 8, from 9:00 AM to noon. Sign up in Fellowship Hall today to help out!

Prospect Book Club, in the theme of "Always Being Reformed" has selected "*The Namesake*" by Jhumpa Lahiri for the next selection. This book will be discussed at the Sunday, January 28, 2018 meeting at 12:00 in the Burnett Room.

Calendar for Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday	9:15 am	ConnectEd 
	9:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 am	Middle High Johnsonburg Retreat returns
	12:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #21133
	1:45 pm	Daisy Troop #20251
	2:00 pm	IHN Guests depart
Monday	Co-Op Nursery School Registration Begins	
	7:30 pm	Christian Education Ministry
	7:30 pm	Prospect Hunger Program
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Property Management Ministry
	8:00 pm	Recovery
Wednesday	8:30 am	Good Neighbor Coffee
	7:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack#3 Den meetings
Thursday	7:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack#3 Den meetings
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 am	Secret Shoppe Set Up
	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts Troop#22908
Saturday	9:00 am	Secret Shoppe
	3:00 pm	Children's Ensemble Rehearsal
Sunday	9:15 am	ConnectEd 
	9:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #21133
	1:30 pm	Daisy Troop
	2:00 pm	Brownie Troop #22856

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Help make someone's holiday a little brighter- **Interfaith Hospitality Network** is collecting **gift cards** in \$10 or \$25 denominations to give out at their holiday party to people in the program. Give Target, Shoprite, Walmart or Stop and Shop gift cards to any Prospect IHN coordinator or make out checks to Prospect or give cash with a notation on the envelope that it is for IHN gift cards in the offering by **December 10th**.

Prospect's emerging ministry, **Sensible Gun Safety**, is hosting a book discussion on Sunday, January 21, from 12:15-1:45 p.m. in the Burnett Room. We will be discussing the book *Enough: Our Fight to Keep America Safe from Gun Violence*, by Gabrielle Giffords and Mark Kelly. All are welcome. A light lunch will be provided. RSVP to Anne Love (anneglove@gmail.com). For more information contact Anne or Dave Hogenauer, Robin Morey, John Pearson, or Nancy Shields.

If you would like to honor or remember someone by providing a **poinsettia plant** to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season, please see Connie Cosgrove by **December 10th**. All orders and payments need to be received by that date. Conniecosgrove@verizon.net or 973-763-3574.

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Staff Directory

Name	Phone Extension	Office hours
Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer	Pastor X204	Monday- Thursday 10:30-12:30
Rita Boyer	Certified Educator X205	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 – 3:00
Peter Ncanywa	Director of Music X 206	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 12:00 – 5:00
Lisa Abdill	Secretary X200	Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 2:00
Ann Henry	Financial Secretary X201	Monday and Thursday 9:00 – 2:00, Friday 9:00 – 12:00
Lorenzo Brooks	Sexton X 207 (Kitchen phone)	Monday-Thursday 9:00 – 4:00 Sunday 12:00 – 5:00
Co-Op Nursery School/Camp	X210	

Email Responses at Prospect – In an effort to develop clear expectations and healthy lifestyles for Prospect Church staff, staff are expected to respond to email during normal work hours. In the case of urgent needs, please call Rick at 862-485-0512. On Sunday morning, staff will be focused on being present with the gathered community; therefore, they are not likely to see Sunday morning email. We encourage our staff to use evenings and days off as times of refreshment, rest and recreation.