

***Prospect Presbyterian Church***  
**December 17, 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 her grandparents by Michelle and Patrick Miller*

**Liturgist:** Deb Craft

**Ushers:** Ray Veghte, Allison Reid and volunteers from Presbyterian Women:

**Fellowship Time Host:** Chris Stetson

**Multi Media Ministry:** Eric Bazilio, Wesley Sappington and Kaitlyn Yourkoski

**Readings:**

Isaiah 6:1-4, 8 - 11 pg. 641

**Psalm 126** pg. 537

2 Thessalonians 5:16-24 pg. 1031

John 1:6-8, 19-28 pg. 867

**Hymns:**

# 134 Joy to the World

# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1-3, 5, 7)

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.

Today, the Children's Ensemble will be delivering the message through a musical, "Great Big Story"

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!

"... and God shall wipe away all tears..." Our sympathy as a church family goes out to Chris Murphy and family on the death of his mother, Cecilia Murphy, on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Plan to be at Prospect at 7:30 pm on **Christmas Eve** to celebrate the birth of our savior. We celebrate the birth of Jesus through readings, hymns, anthems, prayers and an impromptu nativity with the cast coming from the congregation. The service concludes with candle lighting and singing "Silent Night."

**ConnectEd** classes will meet at 9:15 AM next Sunday, December 24 but **WILL NOT meet December 31**.

**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.

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](mailto:anneglove@gmail.com)). For more information contact Anne or Dave Hogenauer, Robin Morey, John Pearson, or Nancy Shields.

A highlight of each year at Prospect is the annual **Epiphany Dinner**. This year the dinner will be on January 7 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to bring food representing their cultural background. The meal is a wonderful feast of food from around the world. Following the meal, we move into the Sanctuary for Jazz Vespers. This service in the candle light is a service of reading and jazz musicians featuring jazz musicians from Prospect and others. It is a powerful way to celebrate the light of Christ that shines into all the world. Bring a friend for this evening of food, conversation and worship.

Attendance last week: 96.

**Calendar for Week of December 17, 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am</b>	<b>ConnectEd  Sensational Sunday Chancel Choir Rehearsal Worship/ Children's Pageant Prospect Hunger Program- make lunches</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Cub Scout #3 Den Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal Session Recovery</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 am 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Good Neighbor Coffee Cub Scout Pack#3 Den meetings</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Blue Christmas Service Cub Scout Pack#3 meeting/Dinner Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Christmas Eve 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 7:30 pm</b>	<b>ConnectEd  Sensational Sunday Chancel Choir Rehearsal Worship Christmas Eve Worship Service</b>

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**The church office will have very limited hours between December 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

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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	X202	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	contact office	Monday-Thursday 9:00 – 4:00 Sunday 12:00 – 5:00
Co-Op Nursery School/Camp	Dana Cavanaugh Co-Op director	X210	Monday – Friday 9:00 – 3:00

*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.*

Please note: there is a new phone system in the office. You may follow the voice prompts or dial the extension directly you would like to reach. There is no longer an extension by the kitchen and Lisa Abdill's extension has changed to 202.