

Prospect Presbyterian Church
December 24, 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.

Liturgist: Mary Murphy

Ushers: Bela Gajary, Rick Noll and Session Members: Tamara Connolly and Chris Stetson

Fellowship Time Host: Julia Ribicoff and Rick Noll

Multi Media Ministry: Ed Bolden, Ashlea Hume and Kaitlyn Yourkoski

Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 pg. 269

Luke 1:46b- 55 pg. 888

Romans 16:25-27 pg. 990

Luke 1:26-38 pg. 887

Hymns:

100 My Soul Cries Out

#123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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 "God Acts"

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!

Plan to be at Prospect at 7:30 pm tonight 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 NOT meet December 31 but will resume at 9:15 AM, January 7.

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). 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: 132.

Church Retreat- Save the Date! The Church retreat at Camp Johnsonburg will be March 2-3, beginning with a meal Friday night and continuing through dinner on Saturday evening. Join us as we deepen our faith through this intergenerational event. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall so that we can know how many cabins to reserve!

Calendar for Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday	9:15 am	ConnectEd  Sensational Sunday
	9:30 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship
	7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday	December 31, 2017
	10:30 am Worship

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The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day.

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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.