

Prospect Presbyterian Church
December 31, 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: Ian and Jackie Hume with help from the Prospect Hunger Program volunteers

Fellowship Time Host: Audrey Rowe

Multi Media Ministry: Dave Tuck

Readings:

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3	pg. 641
Psalms 148	pg. 546
Galatians 4:4-7	pg. 1014
Luke 2:22-40	pg. 890

Hymns:

#143 Angels, From The Realms of Glory
119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
#134 Joy To The World

The Deacon of the month for December is Annelise Orjuela (347)-451-3419. The Deacon of the month during January is Jared Peifer (607) 342-4343. If you know of any church member in need, please call the DOM.

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer will give today's sermon entitled "Looking For Redemption"

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!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets **Monday, January 8 from 10:00-11:30 AM** in the Burnett Room. This session invites us to reflect on how we are "In Community with the Tradition of the Past." The readings are Hebrews 3:1-6 and Hebrews chapter 11. All women are welcome to this informal discussion, led by Rita Boyer.

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 Gospel Vespers. This service in the candle light is a service of reading and jazz music with a gospel twist this year. It is a powerful way to celebrate the light of Christ that shines into all of the world. Bring a friend for this evening of food, conversation and worship. Sign up today in Fellowship Hall or email the church office and indicate what you will be bringing and how many people will attend.

The Deacons will "**undecorate**" **the sanctuary on Saturday, January 6**, beginning at 9:00 am. Please stop by and lend a hand getting the beautiful decorations stored for next year. The Deacons' monthly meeting will take place after the decorations have been removed.

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 31, 2017

Sunday	10:30 am	Worship
Monday	New Year's Day- Church Office Closed	
Tuesday	7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack #3 Den Meetings Property Management Recovery
Wednesday	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Good Neighbor Coffee Cub Scout Pack #3 Den Meetings
Thursday	7:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack #3 Den Meetings
Friday	6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #22908
Saturday	9:00 am	Deacons "Undecorate"/Meeting
Sunday	9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:30 pm 1:45 pm 2:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	ConnectEd  Worship Girl Scout Troop #21122 Daisy Troop # 20407 Daisy Troop # 20251 Brownie Troop #22856 Epiphany Potluck Dinner Jazz Vespers

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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 that you would like to reach. There is no longer an extension by the kitchen and Lisa Abdill's extension has changed to 202.