

Prospect Presbyterian Church
December 10, 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 Harris, Lillian and Jennifer Sinclair from the Sinclair-Thompson family

Liturgist: Carolyn Berry

Ushers: Eric Bazilio, Ray Veghte with Interfaith Hospitality Network volunteers: Allison Reid and Claudette Vaught

Fellowship Time Host: Ribeiro/Mondino family

Multi Media Ministry: Frank Hendricks, Christian Pierre and Wesley Sappington

Greeters:

Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11	pg. 619
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	pg. 512
2 Peter 3:8-15a	pg. 1063
Mark 1:1-8	pg. 867

Hymns:

87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People
143 Angels, From The Realms of Glory

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 "A Word of Promise"

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 nut-free/peanut butter-free 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.

ConnectEd meets at the usual time on December 24 but DOES NOT meet on December 31.

HELP-A-FAMILY- Prospect members have been making Christmas morning special for families who might not have cause to celebrate Christ's birth for over thirty years! Would you like to help? In conjunction with Meeting Essential Needs with Dignity(M.E.N.D.), families in need in the greater Newark area are assisted with presents and certificates to buy food for their families from donors like you. The donors select the size of the family they would like to help. Donors are then provided with a family profile briefly describing the client's circumstances and pertinent information about their needs- including a wish list for the holiday season. Donors are responsible for providing 2-3 new, age appropriate gifts for each family member and a food gift certificate. The donor is then responsible for delivering the gifts to the food pantry site. There is no need to feel you must do this on your own. Why not partner with another Prospect member or group to support one of these families? **Please contact Celia King (973) 763-3677 or the church office ASAP** to be paired with a family, and deliver all gifts by Thursday December 21st. Please let Celia or the church office know how large a family you would be willing to help out and include your contact information.

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 10, 2017

Sunday	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:30 pm 3:00 pm	ConnectEd  Chancel Choir Rehearsal WORSHIP Girl Scout Troop #21133 Daisy Troop #20407 Brownie Troop #22856
Monday	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Women's Bible Study Worship Ministry
Tuesday	7:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Commuter Breakfast (offsite) SOMA Clergy Gathering Cub Scout #3 Den Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal Recovery
Wednesday	8:30 am 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Good Neighbor Coffee Cub Scout Pack#3 Den meetings Finance Ministry
Thursday	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack#3 Den meetings Community Coalition on Race Board Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	7:00 pm	Girl Scouts Troop#22908
Saturday	3:00 pm	Children's Ensemble Rehearsal
Sunday	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	ConnectEd  Sensational Sunday Chancel Choir Rehearsal Worship/ Children's Pageant Prospect Hunger Program- make lunches

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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. **Today is the last day** to 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 and place in with your offering.

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. **TODAY** is the last day for **all orders and payments**. Conniecosgrove@verizon.net or 973-763-3574.

Attendance last week: 93.

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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	Dana Cavanaugh Co-Op director 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.