

Prospect Street United Methodist Church  
185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302  
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Pastor, Joshua Freshour

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**8:30 a.m.**



**Mission Statement:**

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to grow in our commitment to Christ,  
to serve others, and welcome all people.”**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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Joshua Freshour, Pastor

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\*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

PIN Fund

WELCOME

Pastor Josh Freshour

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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\*PRAISE SONGS

**“I Will Call Upon the Lord”  
I will call upon the Lord  
who is worthy to be praised.  
So shall I be saved from my enemies.  
I will call upon the Lord.  
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*I will call upon the Lord.*  
Who is worthy to be praised.  
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So shall I be saved from my enemies.  
*So shall I be saved from my enemies.*  
I will call upon the Lord.  
The Lord liveth,  
and blessed be the Rock;  
and let the God  
of my salvation  
be exalted.  
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“Angels We Have Heard”  
**Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

During this time of the year it is likely that we will stand in line. It is also likely that the weather will keep us from doing the things we normally do as quickly. We may also get stuck in traffic a time or two during this holiday season. Christmas comes at breakneck speed and because of this our patience will be tested. We find ourselves dreading Christmas because of all that needs to be done and the joy and mystery of advent is gone.

#### LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Today we light the candle of hope. Hope is the guiding light for us move forward. No one hopes for something bad, and thus our hope in salvation and eternal life is greater than anything this world offers. How we live out hope in this world is vital. We cannot get too anxious for God’s work to occur, we must be patient and anticipate and expect God’s work to happen in God’s time and not our own.

#### WESLEY SCHOLARSHIP

Chandler Castle

#### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### MESSAGE

**“Faith Takes Time”**

Pastor Josh

SONG OF REFLECTION

**“Change My Heart”  
Change my heart, O God,  
make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God,  
may I be like you.  
You are the potter,  
I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me,  
this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God,  
make it ever true.  
Change my heart,  
O God, may I be like you.  
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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*CLOSING SONG

**“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”  
O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.  
O come, thou Dayspring,  
come and cheer  
our spirits by thy justice here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*BENEDICTION

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“God Be With You”

**God be with you till we meet again;  
by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

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Greeters: Bob & Jan Seamon

*The clear candle burning on our altar signifies our appreciation for the men and women serving our country during this time of national concern.*

**Wesley Scholarship Offering** - this morning you will have an opportunity to help some of our local youth further their education. Envelopes are in the bulletins.

**Noisy Collection** today will support the PIN Fund.

**Open House** – you are invited to stop by the Fellowship Hall this afternoon from 1 – 3 p.m. and wish Barbara Parks a “Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday”.

The Marion Civic Chorus will present Handel's **MESSIAH** at Epworth UMC today at 7 p.m.

**Monday Morning Bible Study Group** – every Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Laundry Love Ministry** - tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion. If you would like to help, please contact the church.

**T.E.A. on Tuesdays** at 9:30 a.m. - Panera Bread is the place to be!

**Book Study** – every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet on **Thursday, December 1**, at 6 p.m. for their Christmas Potluck.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served next **Sunday, December 4**, at both worship services.

**Mitten Tree** - bring in mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves to place on the Christmas tree in the back of the sanctuary through **December 4**. The items will be taken to Leapin’ Outreach and given to those who are in need.

**The SKI group will be selling shirts with the Church logo.** Last day to order will be **December 4**. Order forms will be available in the foyer along with sample shirts. Want an order form emailed to you? Contact Susan Rockwell at [bshouston@roadrunner.com](mailto:bshouston@roadrunner.com) or call/text at 740-396-2531. Don't see a color you like on the order form? You can go to [sanmar.com](http://sanmar.com) for more options or contact Janey Fassler at Vizual Express. If you have questions, see one of the SKI members.

**New Member Sunday** - we will be receiving new members into the Prospect Street UMC congregation on **Sunday, December 4**. Come and be a part of this special Sunday welcoming them into the church family.

**Open House** - You are invited to come help celebrate Mike & Cheryl Doezmea's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on **Sunday, December 4**, from 3 – 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **S.K.I. Group** will meet on **Monday, December 5**, at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Tour of Churches – Friday, December 9**, from 5 - 8 p.m. See Diane Row or Linda Kear before the event; Linda the evening of the event.

The Sr. Choir will be presenting a Christmas Musical entitled **HOW GREAT OUR JOY** on **Sunday, December 11**, at the 10:30 Service. As the Sr. Choir presents the musical -- **HOW GREAT OUR JOY** - we hope that our church family will enjoy celebrating the same joy that was celebrated by St. Francis of Assisi centuries ago, and continues now for years to come, based upon the gift of Heaven's Love, our savior Jesus Christ.

**Sunday, December 11 - Christmas Caroling** after the second service. A chili and hotdog lunch will be served; carolers will join a group, receive a route, song books, and sent out to bring joy. This tradition was started by Rozell Sattler and the UMW Executive Board, 20 + years ago. Pastor Joe has planned our routes and been a caroler for many years. All ages are welcome; those we visit enjoy seeing children and youth. See Linda Kear or Pastor Joe.

**What is Christmas time without a children's Christmas play?** BORING! Plans are underway and we need to hear from you that you will get your kids to practice and allow them to be here **December 18** for the 10:30 service to warm our hearts with their gifts.

**2023 Wall Calendars** will be on sale again this year for \$8.00 at the bottom of the steps by the foyer doors. Profit will go to the Stained Glass Window Fund.

**E-Tithing** is an automatic withdrawal from your checking account and is remitted automatically to the church. We can set it up so it will deduct from your checking account on the 1<sup>st</sup> and/or the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact the church office for more information!

**Kroger Community Rewards** – Please enroll in the Kroger Community Program. Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and all the details on creating an online account are there. Under Community Rewards make sure you search and select “Prospect St. United Meth. Chur” our Organization number is VF478. Thank you! Questions? Call Erika.

**Attendance November 20:** Sunday School - 54      Worship Services – 36/116

### **Finance Report – November 20**

Current Envelopes - \$1,661.50, Sunday School - \$16.51, Loose Offering - \$163.51,  
Thanksgiving Offering - \$120.00, Operation Christmas Child - \$200.00,  
Men's Fund - \$30.00, Popcorn Festival Parking - \$100.00,  
Amazon Smile Donation - \$11.56, Memorial for Janice Linstedt - \$130.00

General Fund Income YTD: \$192,517.54  
General Fund Expense YTD: \$204,199.95

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