

Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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Sunday, August 31st, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

“We are united to love God,
to grow in our commitment to Christ,
to serve others, and welcome all people.”

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Terry Huff

OPENING PRAISE SONG

**“He Is Exalted”
He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high;
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord,
forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth
rejoice in His holy name.
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PASS THE PEACE

Leader:

The Lord Be With You

People:

And Also with You

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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PRELUDE

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

“How Firm A Foundation” arr. by Michael Ware

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship our Lord who reveals all things.

People: As a people of faith, we are called to open our eyes.

Leader: Keeping our eyes wide open can be a scary thing.

People: Because of what it is we might see.

Leader: But we can't sleep through our fears.

People: We must face the day.

Leader: So that we are ready for tomorrow.

People: And what God will reveal next.

*OPENING HYMN

"God of Love and God of Power"

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*INVOCATION

God of the mystery and God of the truth. Give us the strength and the courage this day to never find ourselves settling. How tempted we are to believe that someone else will fix our problems. How tempting it is for us to sit back and let You, O God, do all the work. We say "You give, and You heal, and You save". But we forget that You call upon us to put our faith into action and do likewise. May we remember, as the hands and feet of Jesus in this world, that You actually need us to shine Your light. You need us to make a difference in this world in Your name. Help us see that the more we believe peace comes only by means of force, the more divided and the further from true peace we will be. Your desired peace on this earth will only come when we conform not to the solutions of this world but rather trusting in Your way of love, mercy and reconciliation. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lynette Burris, Ann Huff, & Lita Van Reeth

"Just A Little Talk With Jesus/Precious Memories"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

"Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1

Children under age four may go to the Nursery

Children ages four through 5th Grade are dismissed for Junior Worship

OFFERING

Offertory

"Seek Ye First" arr. by John Carter

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:49-56

49 "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." 54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Know Jesus, Know Justice"

HYMN OF PRAYER

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

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 HYMN

"Pass It On"

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**"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.**

POSTLUDE

"Holy Manna" arr. by John S. Dixon

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Liturgist: Charlene Spillman  
Greeters/Acolytes: John & Diane Row

Next Sunday Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14 & Sermon Title: "Don't Assume the Rug is Nailed Down"

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

If you have a **Prayer Request**, please call Pastor Josh at 614-519-8870.

**Senior Choir** - Choir practice will start on Wednesday, September 3, at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. See you there!

**Popcorn Festival – September 4 – 6!** A sign-up sheet for volunteers to help man the booth and/or work in the church basement packaging and pricing the donated items is in the foyer. Please be supportive of this church-wide endeavor and give a little bit of your time. If you have any questions, call Judy Stambazze at 740-225-5618.

A sign-up sheet to man the parking lot is also in the foyer with the booth sign-up sheet.

The **Prayer Station** during the Popcorn Festival in the Memorial Park will be open from 1 – 5 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served on **Sunday, September 7**.

**Youth Fellowship** – will meet again on **Sunday, September 7**, from 2 – 4 p.m.

The **Monday Morning Bible Study** will begin to meet **Monday, September 8**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet **Monday, September 8**, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet on **Monday, September 8**, at 6 p.m.

**Guiding Light Circle** - **Tuesday, September 9**, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Education Team** will meet on **Tuesday, September 9**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet on **Thursday, September 11**, at 6:30 p.m.

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, September 11**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Children's Choir** will begin to meet on **Saturday, September 13**, at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Children of all ages are welcome from 3 years old and up. I look forward to seeing everyone this year.  
Michelle Fassler

**New Member Class** will be held Saturday, September 13, September 20, and September 27, at 10 a.m. in the Upper Room.

**Blessings Sunday** - Please join us as we RALLY TOGETHER for BLESSINGS SUNDAY on **September 14** during the Second Service. We are planning to celebrate the many blessings we can and do receive as part of PSUMC. Children's backpacks will be blessed as well as a blessing bestowed on the many people who work with our children throughout the school year. We will present our teachers for all grade levels and describe some of the groups within our church that you might like to know more about. You are encouraged to invite your family and friends to join us on this special day.

Following the special blessing service, you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a **Pot Blessings (Pot Luck)** luncheon. Meat will be provided by the church as well as plates, utensils, and beverages. If you are able, please bring one of your favorite foods to share. We have some very good cooks in our congregation who love to share the fruits of their labors. There is no charge for this meal. It is our sincere hope that you will join us on this day of celebration as well as Sundays yet to come. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Colleen McCartney at (740) 802-0641.

The **Prayer Team** will meet on **Sunday, September 14**, during the Sunday School hour.

**Ladies' Lunch** will meet on **Sunday, September 14**, after church.

The **S.K.I. Group** will meet on **Tuesday, September 16**, at 6:30 p.m.

The **Leadership Team** will meet again on **Thursday, September 18**, at 6 p.m.

**Church Basement Sale – October 3 and October 4!** We are preparing for our annual Basement Sale. You can start bringing in items for the sale beginning September 2 to the old basement. If you need help with items, just call the church and we can make some arrangements with you. We are asking for items to be clean and in good working conditions. We will not be taking clothes or shoes. We will need volunteers to help the week before and the 2-days of the sale. Let's make this project a fun time!

**Upper Rooms** devotional booklets for September/October 2025 are on the library table in the south alcove. Small - \$1.50 Large - \$3.50

**Service DVD's for Shut-Ins!** We have DVD's available of our 10:30 a.m. worship service for anyone who would like to borrow or have a copy. We are delivering DVD's on Monday mornings!

**Memorial Pavers** can be ordered for summer installation. If you would like to purchase a paver for the Memorial Park, forms are available on the library table located in the south alcove. The pavers can be in memory of loved ones who have passed away, or in honor of anyone or anything that you would wish to praise. Cost of a paver is \$75.00. Order forms can be turned in to the office.

**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!

**Attendance August 24:** Sunday School – 30      Worship Services – 25/86

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