

# Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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**Sunday, December 28th, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**



Jesus  
*understands.*

## Mission Statement:

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

# *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas*

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Joshua Freshour, Pastor

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\*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

Turning Point

WELCOME

Michelle Fassler

OPENING PRAISE SONG

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

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

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" arr. by Carolyn Hamlin & Faye Lopez

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Use this time to prepare your heart for worship*

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader: Christ is born.**

People: Born to be great but lived in humility.

**Leader: Christ is born.**

People: Born to be a king but lived as a commoner.

**Leader: Christ is born, and while he has been set apart from us as divine.**

People: Out of love he chose to be a part of who we are, as humanity.

\*OPENING HYMN

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

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\*INVOCATION

**Holy and wonderful God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call upon Your Son Jesus Christ to come into our presence this day. We are thankful O great Guide in Your Holy Word and Son, that by no merit of our own doing, You decided to be with us, care for us, heal us, call us, and love us. Jesus made us His, thus making us Yours O God. We know that You have always loved us O God our Creator, but Your love could not have been made real and tangible without our Savior Jesus Christ. We give thanks this day for His humility, for His humanity, and for His grace which is ever**

present and ever reaching. Live within us this day O Lord, so that we might live for others as  
You in this life lived for us. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ann Huff & Lynette Burris

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1

Children under age four may go to the Nursery  
Children ages four through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are dismissed for Junior Worship

OFFERING

Offertory

"What Child Is This" arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

Loose offering to help students at YonSei Medical Center in Korea & General Fund

\*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 2:10-18

10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12 saying, "I will proclaim your names to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." 14 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. 16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON TITLE

"Jesus Gets Us"

HYMN OF PRAYER

"Spirit Song"

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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 HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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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

“Sing We Now of Christmas” arr. by Carolyn Hamlin & Faye Lopez

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Liturgist: Kathy Castle

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Greeters/Acolytes: The Fassler Family

*Next Sunday Scripture: John 1:1-18 & Sermon Title: “Before Time”*

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

**Altar Flowers** are placed by Mike & Linda Mills in loving memory of my sister, Kim Gamble Mathews. She went to her heavenly home January 7, 2002. Proverbs 3:5-6

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

The **YA Squad** will meet again **today** at 1 p.m.

**Youth Gathering** will meet again **today** at 2:30 p.m.

There will be no **Monday Morning Bible Study** tomorrow.

The **UWIF Executive Board** will meet **tomorrow** at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be held **tomorrow** at 4:30 p.m. at Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion.

All **contributions for 2025** must be received by noon on **Tuesday, December 30**. If you have any questions about your pledge status for this year, please contact the office. Anyone who has enrolled in electronic contributions (E-tithing) for 2026 will have the first processing on January 1 and/or January 15, 2026. If you would like to sign up for E-Tithing, please call Erika at the church office. The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served during both worship services on **Sunday, January 4, 2026**.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet on **Monday, January 5**, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, January 8**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **YA Squad** will meet again on **Sunday, January 11**, at 1 p.m.

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The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet on **Monday, January 12**, at 1 p.m. at Seton Square.

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet on **Monday, January 12**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet at the church on **Tuesday, January 13**, at 1 p.m. Ladies who are looking for a circle to join are encouraged to come.

There will be a **VBS Meeting** on **Tuesday, January 13**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Leadership Team** will meet again on **Thursday, January 15**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Neighborhood Supper** will be **Friday, January 16**, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, January 17**, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men! For the month of January, they will be collecting for Salvation Army Food Pantry and Dog Pound. They are in need of dog food and cleaning supplies.

On **Sunday, January 18**, we will be collecting a special **Human Relations Day Offering**.

Our **Staff-Pastor-Relations Team & Finance Team** will be taking orders for **subs** starting **January 18** and ending on **January 25**. The subs will be ready just in time for the game February 8. Cost of the subs will be \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go towards our General Fund expenses.

**Offering Envelopes for 2026** – are in the Welcome Center. If you need envelopes or want to sign up for E-Tithing, please call Erika.

**2026 Wall Calendars** are on sale again this year for \$8.00 in the Welcome Center.

The **Flower Calendar** for 2026 is hanging up in the hallway. The price for fresh flowers is \$46.95. Silk flowers are \$5.00. Select your date to remember a loved one or to honor a family member or friend. Make checks payable to Prospect Street United Methodist Church. Let the office know if you order your own flowers.

**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 DVDs on Monday mornings!

**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! If you have any questions, please call Erika.

**Attendance December 21:** Sunday School – 29      Worship Services – 29/101

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