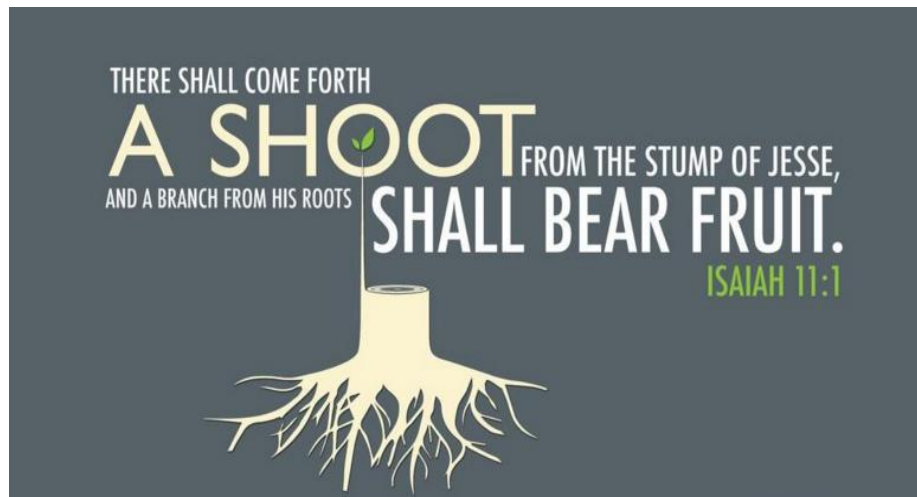


Prospect Street United Methodist Church
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Sunday, December 7th, 2025
10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

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

2nd Sunday of Advent

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

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
"Good Christian Folk, Rejoice" arr by. Lani Smith

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 because sometimes our journey feels like it hit a dead end.

People: And the temptation is to panic or give up.

Leader: And so we come to worship to remember that God hasn't left us behind.

People: And our destination hasn't changed.

Leader: So let's have the hope that while we don't know when we will get there.

People: Believe it! We will get there.

*OPENING HYMN

"There's a Song in the Air"

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THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

WITNESS IN MUSIC

"For Unto Us a Child Is Born"
Night of Miracles

Senior Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"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

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

"There's A Song In the Air" arr. by Fred Fred Bock
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Beware the Mirage"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

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

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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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

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. by Fred Bock

Liturgist: Kathy Griffith

Greeters/Acolytes: Darlynn Blessing & Patti Franklin

Next Sunday Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10 & Sermon Title: "Joy in the Journey"

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.

For those of you who weren't here or didn't participate last year, a **Christmas Mailbox** will be in front of the sound booth. You may bring your Christmas cards for your church family to church any Sunday of Advent. The mailbox includes a file where you can place cards according to their last names. Let's have fun and save \$ with this again this year. Of course, each Sunday you look for cards sent to you too!

We would like to invite all to bring an **ornament** for our church family Christmas tree in the Welcome Center.

Christmas Caroling to our shut-in and homebound members will be **today**.

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

Youth Gathering today from 2 – 4 p.m.

The **Monday Morning Bible Study** will meet **tomorrow** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet again **tomorrow** at 12 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Sanderson. If interested in attending this meeting or joining this circle, please contact Norma Stump.

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet **tomorrow** at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, December 9**, at 1 p.m. at the home of Judy Stambazze.

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

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, December 11**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

Tour of Churches – Saturday, December 13, from 5 – 8 p.m. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

Children's Christmas Program - Presenting THE PLAY (a musical celebration of the Birth of Christ) on **Sunday, December 14**, 10:30 am (Second Service). Directed by Shannen Smale and Michelle Fassler.

Church Family Potluck Lunch on **Sunday, December 14**, following the second service. Meat, drinks, plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided. Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert and join us! Our last Potluck Meal was a huge success.

Newsletter Deadline will be on **Wednesday, December 17**, for our January 2026 Tower Notes.

The monthly **Neighborhood Supper** will be served on **Friday, December 19**, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

The next **Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, December 20**, at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting for Turning Point. They are in need of monetary donations (checks made out to Turning Point), tall kitchen trash bags, and cleaning supplies.

Youth Gathering – Sunday, December 21, from 2 – 4 p.m.

The **Marion Music Club** will be performing on **Sunday, December 21**, at 3 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m. - Pre-Service Music
5:30 p.m. – Early Christmas Candlelight Service
7:00 p.m. - Pre-Service Music
7:30 p.m. – Late Christmas Candlelight Service

Free Community Breakfast will be held again on **Saturday, December 27**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, December 28**. Suggested donations: **Items of your choice**. They are also in need of paper products and feminine products. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Noisy Collection will be on **Sunday, December 28**, for Turning Point.

Offering Envelopes for 2026 – are in the foyer. If you need envelopes, please call Erika.

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

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!

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 1st and/or the 15th of each month. Contact the church office for more information!

Attendance November 30: Sunday School – 24 Worship Services – 25/91
Thanksgiving Eve Service - November 26 - 52

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