

Prospect Street United Methodist Church
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**Sunday, February 15th, 2026
10:30 a.m.**



Mission Statement:

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

Transfiguration Sunday

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

"O How He Loves You and Me" arr. by Fred Bock

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On the surface we smile...

People: Yet inside we are crying.

Leader: On the outside we appear to have everything together...

People: But inside we are falling apart.

Leader: Growth on the outside doesn't matter if we are dying within.

People: By Christ, give us courage to show on the outside what's within.

All: So that we can be true vessels of God's love and mercy.

OPENING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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*INVOCATION

Holy God, Almighty Father, we ask your Spirit to be in this place, this hour. May Your Spirit fill us up and guide us to be the people You would have us be. We have so much to offer, and yet we find ourselves giving only a little. We find ways to protect ourselves from judgment and from failure. But as we do this, we never present who we really are, who we desire to be, and most importantly, who You desire us to be. Help us, O God, to relinquish the false ways we use to

protect ourselves and instead make us vulnerable and risky knowing that You will be there to carry us, save us, and deliver us to new life. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

“Do Lord, Remember Me”

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

“Jesus Paid It All” arr. by Mary McDonald

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:21-37

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Trye and Sidon.

²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly. ²⁹ After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. ³⁰ Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them,

³¹ so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel. ³² Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.”

³³ The disciples said to him, “Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?”

³⁴ Jesus asked them, “How many loaves have you?” They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.” ³⁵ Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, ³⁶ he took the seven loaves and the fish; after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ³⁷ And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“It’s a lot easier to worry about one face than two”

HYMN OF PRAYER

“Trust and Obey”

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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

"When Love is Found"

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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

"Who Is On the Lord's Side" arr. by Hustad

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Liturgist: Paula Kline

Greeters/Acolytes: Dee O'Neil

*Next Sunday Scripture: Matthew 4: 1-11 & Sermon Title: "Sin: How Soon we Forget"*

*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

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

**Wednesday evening, February 18**, at 7 p.m. we will have a special **Ash Wednesday Service** with the imposition of ashes in the sign of the cross on the forehead. Come and be a part of this special service.

**Bible Study** will not meet this week **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

**Newsletter Deadline** will be **Thursday, February 19**, for our March 2026 Tower Notes.

**Neighborhood Supper** will be **Friday, February 20**, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal. We would like your help in getting cans of Tuna in Water and Cream of Mushroom Soup for our March Neighborhood Supper Meal. Donations can be placed in the kitchen.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, February 21**, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men! For the month of February, they will be collecting for St. Vincent Food Bank. They are always in need of non-perishable food items.

The **YA Squad** will meet **Sunday, February 22**, at 1 p.m.

**Youth Gathering – Sunday, February 22**, at 2:30 p.m.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, February 22**. Suggested donations: **Baker's Choices**. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, February 22**, for the Humane Society.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, February 23**, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **Monday, February 23**, at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion. They are in need of Laundry Detergent. Please bring your donations to the church.

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held again on **Saturday, February 28**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship.

The Jackson Area Ministries needs to have their seed supply replenished this year for their area wide gardening projects. The UWIF sponsored **Seed Tree** will be by the main entrance doors to the Sanctuary from March 1 – March 29. All circles encourage the church family to bring vegetable seeds for this ministry.

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

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 February 8:** Sunday School – 22

Worship Services – 26/68

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