

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

**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.”

# *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*

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\*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Terry Huff

OPENING PRAISE SONG

“Great Is the Lord”  
Great is the Lord,  
He is holy and just;  
by His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord,  
He is faithful and true;  
by His mercy  
He proves He is love.  
Great is the Lord  
and worthy of glory!  
Great is the Lord  
and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord;  
now lift up your voice,  
now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord!  
Great is the Lord!  
Great is the Lord,  
He is holy and just;  
by His power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord,  
He is faithful and true;  
by His mercy  
He proves He is love.  
Great are you, Lord,  
and worthy of glory!  
Great are you, Lord,  
and worthy of praise.  
Great are you, Lord;  
I lift up my voice,  
I lift up my voice:  
Great are you, Lord!  
Great are you, Lord!

PASS THE PEACE

Leader:

The Lord Be With You

People:

And Also with You

## CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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## PRELUDE

Jim Anderson

“One Blood, One Body” arr. by Ron Schmoltze

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Use this time to prepare your heart for worship*

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Look at me, I am helping a neighbor.

**People: But without love, I am just doing a chore.**

Leader: Look at me, I am teaching a child what is right.

**People: But without love, I am just doing what I have to do.**

Leader: Look at me, I am leading a group of people.

**People: But without love, I am just being bossy.**

Leader: Without love, we lose purpose and mission.

**People: Without love, we are lost.**

**All: Help us to start with love in all that we do, all that we say, and in all that we are. Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“The Gift of Love”

#408

- 1. Though I may speak  
with bravest fire,  
and have the gift  
to all inspire,  
and have not love,  
my words are vain,  
as sounding brass,  
and hopeless gain.**
- 2. Though I may give  
all I possess,  
and striving so  
my love profess,  
but not be given  
by love within,  
the profit soon  
turns strangely thin.**
- 3. Come, Spirit, come,  
our hearts control,  
our spirits long  
to be made whole.  
Let inward love  
guide every deed;  
by this we worship,  
and are freed.**

\*INVOCATION

**O God, director of our lives, You and only You, know the right way. You have insight far greater than we could ever imagine. You know that even when things don't seem to go in the order that we think they should, that all will indeed work out for the best. Help us to follow You even when You go down a road we would much rather not. We ask you to give us patience in the present so that we are better able to see and understand Your will for us in the future. For one thing is for certain O God, with You in our lives guiding us, the future surely is bright and full of life. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Glorious Love"

Rick Highfill

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

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. by Mary McDonald

\*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

***"Where Are We Going?"***

Pastor Josh Freshour

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"One Bread, One Body"

#620

**One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing  
which we bless.**

**And we, though many  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body  
in this one Lord.**

**1. Gentile or Jew,  
servant or free,  
woman or man,  
no more.**

**One bread, one body,**

one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing  
which we bless.  
And we, though many  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body  
in this one Lord.  
2. Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.  
One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing  
which we bless.  
And we, though many  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body  
in this one Lord.  
3. Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.  
One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing  
which we bless.  
And we, though many  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body  
in this one Lord.

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

"God of Love and God of Power"

#578

**1. God of love  
and God of power,  
grant us in  
this burning hour**

**grace to ask these  
gifts of thee,  
daring hearts  
and spirits free.**

**God of love  
and God of power,  
thou hast called us  
for this hour.**

**2. We are not  
the first to be  
banished by our  
fears from thee;  
give us courage,  
let us hear  
heaven's trumpets  
ringing clear.**

**God of love  
and God of power,  
thou hast called us  
for this hour.**

**3. All our lives  
belong to thee,  
thou our final loyalty;  
slaves are we  
whene'er we share  
that devotion anywhere.**

**God of love  
and God of power,  
thou hast called us  
for this hour.**

**4. God of love  
and God of power,  
make us worthy  
of this hour;  
offering lives  
if it's thy will,  
keeping free our  
spirits still.**

**God of love  
and God of power,  
thou hast called us  
for this hour.**

**\*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.**

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Liturgist: Faye Roszman

Greeters/Acolytes: Janey Fassler

Next Sunday Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1 – 16 & Sermon Title: “Sharing the God Within Us”

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

The **Prayer Team** will meet **today** after the second service in the Upper Room.

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

**Super Bowl Subs** - If anyone has an interest in helping to serve our Church with this fundraiser, and would like to join us prepping the subs **tomorrow** at 5 p.m. or **Thursday, February 6**, at 10 a.m. and/or 5 p.m. to make the subs, it would be greatly appreciated.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet **tomorrow** at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Pick-up times for subs are: Thursday, February 6**, from 5 – 7 p.m., **Friday, February 7**, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., **Saturday, February 8**, from 10 – 11 a.m., and after both services next Sunday.

**Save-the-Date** – Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House for Phyllis Heineman **February 7**, from 2 - 5 p.m. at her home, 1670 Union Park Circle.

**Ladies' Lunch Group** will meet again on **Sunday, February 9**, after the second service.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet on **Monday, February 10**, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The new president, Norma Stump, will co-host the meeting with Phyllis Heineman.

**Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet again on **Monday, February 10**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, February 11**, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Charlene Spillman and Linda Kear will be the hostesses and the program will be the Silent Meal.

The **Finance Team** will meet again on **Thursday, February 13**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, February 15**, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men!

**Valentine Caroling** - we will be a blessing to others on **Sunday, February 16**. A light lunch will be provided by the UWIF immediately after the second service. Then we will establish driving routes, pass out song books, and edible treats to deliver. Please consider joining this outreach ministry. All are welcome to make a joyful noise - families, children, and all ages of willing singers. There is a sign-up sheet in the Atrium!

**S.K.I. Group** – President Deb Welch states that the group will meet at hostess Sue Bess' home on **Tuesday, February 18**, at 6 p.m.

**2024 Contribution Statements have been handed/mailed out.** Please look over your statement carefully, if there are any questions, call Erika at the church office.

**Pastor Josh** is in the office Tuesday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call the church office if you would like to set up a time to see him or just come on in!

If you would like to have **Offering Envelopes for 2025**, please call Erika at the office.

The **Flower Calendar** for 2025 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.

**Serendipity Sunday School Class** – They meet across the kitchen in the basement.

**New Beginnings Sunday School Class** – They meet in the basement right off the elevator.

**Young Adult Sunday School Class** is meeting in the Upper Room.

**Teen Sunday School Class** - They meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the youth room.

**Upper Rooms** Devotional Booklets for January/February 2025 are on the table inside the main entrance to the sanctuary. **Price increase because we only order 2 large prints now.** Small - \$1.20 Large - \$3.50

**Service DVD's for Shut-Ins!** We have DVD's available of all our Sunday Services for anyone who would like to borrow them or have a copy. We are delivering DVD Players and the DVD's on Monday mornings! Call Erika in the office for information.

**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 January 26:** Sunday School – 26      Worship Services – 19/95

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