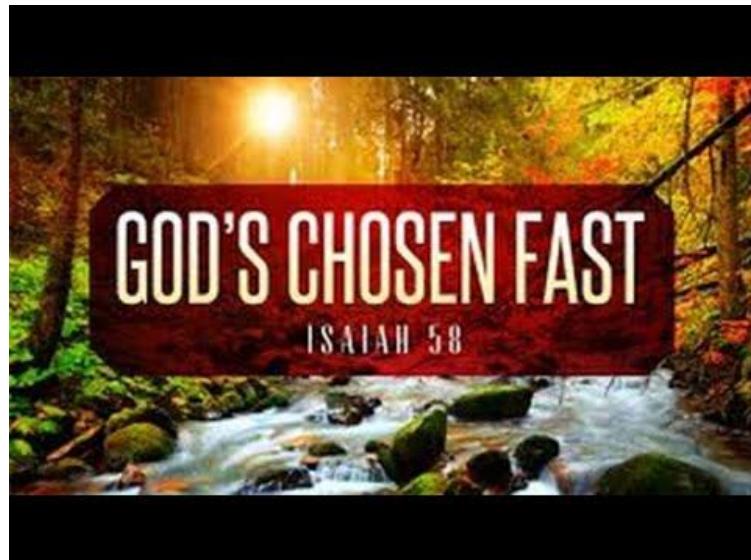


Prospect Street United Methodist Church
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**Sunday, February 8th, 2026
10:30 a.m.**



Mission Statement:

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

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. by Ron & Linda Sprunger

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we get close to Lent, may we remember that worship is like one big fast.

People: We come to worship to fast from worry.

Leader: To fast from personal agenda and temptation to control.

People: As we fast from these things, we grow hungry.

Leader: And what can fill those hunger pains better than anything else.

People: The body, the blood, the grace, and love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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*INVOCATION

Loving Lord, guide our worship this hour so that we might be worshipful people as we leave this sacred place. Worshipful in putting aside our personal agendas so that we might engage in the needs of community. Help us to see O God, that your call for us is to grow as disciple, that is not done in exclusively in studying alone, or in talking with people who are like minded, or in sheltering ourselves from the evils and dangers of this world, or by using negative words to support our position. We grow as disciples when we form relationships with those who need to hear a voice of love. When we exchange someone else's pain with grace, we heal and are healed. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

"Cornerstone"

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

"For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. by James & Stan Pethel

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

¹ Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Rebuild, Repair, Restore"

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Seek Ye First"

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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

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

#560

*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

“Come, Thou Almighty King” arr. by James & Stan Pethel

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Liturgist: Michelle Fassler

Greeters/Acolytes: John & Diane Row

*Next Sunday Scripture: Mathew 5 21-37*

*Sermon Title: “It’s a lot easier to worry about one face than two”*

*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

**Altar Flowers** are placed in loving memory of Elmer Castle by the Castle Family.

**Sub Sale:** Sub orders can be picked up after 1st service in the kitchen and in the Foyer after 2nd service. Extra subs, meat and cheese available while supply lasts.

**Ladies’ Lunch** will meet again **today** after the second service.

The **YA Squad** will meet **today** at 1:00 p.m.

**Youth Gathering - today** at 2:30 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 **tomorrow** at 1 p.m. at the church.

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

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet again on **Tuesday, February 12**, at 1 p.m.

**Bible Study** every **Wednesday** at 6 p.m. and every **Friday** at 11 a.m.

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, February 12**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**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.

**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.

**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 1:** Sunday School – 28

Worship Services – 19/75