

# Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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."

# Baptism of the Lord

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Joshua Freshour, Pastor

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\*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Terry Huff

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

"Crown Him Lord of All" arr. by Lloyd Larson

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 to remember who we are.

**People: We come to worship to remember who we belong to.**

Leader: We come to worship to remember who claims us.

**People: We come to worship to remember who we claim.**

Leader: We come to worship to remember we are all God's children.

**People: We come to worship to remember because God will never forget.**

\*OPENING HYMN

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

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\*INVOCATION

Gracious loving Holy Spirit, at times Your wind blows across us like a warm summer breeze, assuring us that we are loved and cared for. Other times, Your Spirit whistles through the trees singing with joy of the creative hand of God. Thus, reminding us to have a spirit of joy in all we do. Then there are times, O God, that the Spirit rushes in and wakes us from our slumber, stirring us with fear, and reminding us that You are not to be trifled with for You are God. When You come rushing in, may we be ready to act. May this gift of the Spirit that calls us and claims us, open us up this day to see just who it is O God, you have created us to be. To see just what we might look like when we allow for the light of Christ to shine through us. Amen.

## 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

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. by Smith &amp; Hustad

\*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

***“Baptized for Service”***

## HYMN OF PRAYER

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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## REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

## 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

“Here I Am, Lord”

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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

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us" arr. by D. Wagner

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Liturgist: Charlene Spillman

Greeters/Acolytes: John Haas

*Next Sunday Scripture: John 1:35-39 & Sermon Title: "Come and See"*

*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.

**2025 Giving Statements** are being handed out this morning. Please see Pete or Dave. Call the office if you have any questions about your statement.

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

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

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

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet **tomorrow** at 1 p.m. at Seton Square.

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet **tomorrow** 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.

**Bible Study** every Wednesday beginning **January 14** at 6 p.m. and every Friday beginning **January 16** at 11 a.m.

The **Leadership Team** will meet 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.

**Newsletter Deadline** will be **Tuesday, January 20**, for our February 2026 Tower Notes!

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, January 24**, 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, January 25**. Suggested donations: **Soups & Crackers**. 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, January 25**, for the Community Breakfast Fund.

The **YA Squad** will meet on **Sunday, January 25**, at 1 p.m.

**Youth Gathering** - **Sunday, January 25**, at 2:30 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **Monday, January 26**, 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.

**Offering Envelopes for 2026** – 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 January 4:** Sunday School – 32      Worship Services – 29/77

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