

Prospect Street United Methodist Church

185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302

740-382-6069

Pastor, Joshua Freshour

614-519-8870

Sunday, January 18th, 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."

2nd 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

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

PRELUDE

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

"Like a River Glorious" arr. by Mary McDonald

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 not just because we believe in Christ.

People: We come to worship because we want to know Christ more.

Leader: We come to experience Christ more.

People: We want to see Christ more.

Leader: Because the more that we know, experience, and see Christ.

People: The more we can be Christ.

*OPENING HYMN

"O Spirit of the Living God"

#539

*INVOCATION

O Holy God, we give You thanks for Your Son Jesus who by the Holy Spirit is the Great Revealer in our faith journeys. It is by the grace and love of Your Son Jesus Christ that allows for us to creatively seek Him in all we do. To know that no space is too small, too dark, too dirty, too scary for Him to dwell. It is in Jesus that we humbly learn in love more about who we are. It is by Your son that we realize it is better to work to uncover the truth than to obscure it or hide it. So much beautiful truth gets hidden and silenced in the world O God. Forgive us when we are

accomplices in this crime. Help us, O God, to be courageous in our mission to uncover just how wide and deep your love really is. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

"10,000 Reasons to Worship the King"

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

"Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. by T. Smith & D. Hustad

Special Offering

"Human Relations Day"

mark envelope HRD

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1: 35-39

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Try Jesus"

HYMN OF PRAYER

"Jesus Name Above All Names"

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

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

#454

*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

"We're Marching to Zion" arr. by T. Smith & D. Hustad

~~~~~  
Liturgist: Barbara Jones  
Greeters/Acolytes: Tammy Criswell & Liam

*Next Sunday Scripture: Corinthians 7: 29-31*  
*Sermon Title: "That which is of God passes on"*

*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.

Our **Staff-Pastor-Relations Team & Finance Team** will be taking orders for **subs** starting **today** and ending on **January 25**. Please come to the Foyer to place your order. 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. Pick-up times will be Thursday, February 5, from 5 – 7 p.m., Friday, February 6, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, February 7, from 10 – 11 a.m., or after both services on February 8.

If anyone else has an interest in helping to Serve our Church with this fundraiser and would like to join us prepping the subs on **Tuesday, February 3**, at 5 p.m. to help slice and stack the meat and cheese or **Thursday, February 5**, at 10 a.m. and/or 5 p.m. to make the subs, it would be greatly appreciated. It really is a lot of fun making the subs and enjoying fellowship at the same time. Please see Pete or Judy Stambazze on what is needed.

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

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

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

**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.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, January 26**, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**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 11:** Sunday School – 25      Worship Services – 22/93

Pastor Josh: [pastor@prospectstreetumc.com](mailto:pastor@prospectstreetumc.com)  
Church Office: [secretary@prospectstreetumc.com](mailto:secretary@prospectstreetumc.com)  
Website: [www.prospectstreetumc.com](http://www.prospectstreetumc.com)