

Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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Sunday, June 29th, 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."

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Michelle Lewis

OPENING PRAISE SONG

"He Is Exalted"
He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high;
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord,
forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth
rejoice in His holy name.
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the King is exalted on high.
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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

"America the Beautiful" 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: Our faith lives are about letting go

People: And picking up.

Leader: Letting go of control

People: And picking up trust.

Leader: Letting go of doubt

People: And picking up hope.

Leader: Letting go of self-interests

People: So that we might lift up others.

*OPENING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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*INVOCATION

O God, come to us this hour and instill in us a desire and passion to drive our relationship with You to places we have never been before. May we learn to say "With God all things are possible!" and mean it. God, we know that You will only give us what we can handle; but help us to know that truth that You want to give us so much more. Help us to understand that You have already called each and every one of us. But just because we know that You have called us is not enough. We have to claim it. And we claim it the day we pick up the mantle. Give us the confidence and courage to know when to give up the current mantle in our lives having the faith that a new mantle is out there with our name on it and to then have the courage to pick it up. A mantle that might be more challenging; but one that will also bring about new growth within us and within the church. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Malotte

Ben Morris

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1

Children under age four may go to the Nursery

OFFERING

Offertory

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

"Faith of Our Fathers" arr. by John Innes

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 2:2-13

2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." 4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. 5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know, be silent." 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from

you,” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” 10 He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” 11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. 13 He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

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

Thanks be to God

MESSAGE	“Give up the Mantle! Pick up the Mantle!”	
HYMN OF PRAYER	“Spirit Song”	#347
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	“Amazing Grace” vs. 1 – 3, 6	#378
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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	“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” arr. by John Innes
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Liturgist: Lynette Burris  
Greeters/Acolytes: Pastor Joe & Joyce Miller

*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.

If you would like to have the **church directory** on your phone or desktop, please let us know by calling the church office. Janey Fassler or Deb Welch will email you the directions.

**Book Study** – every **Tuesday** at 7 p.m. and every **Friday** at 10:30 a.m.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **tomorrow** at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be held again **tomorrow** 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. Thank you!

**Liturgist, Greeter & Acolyte, and Bell Ringer** sign-up sheets for July – September are being passed through the pews this morning.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served at both services on **Sunday, July 6**.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet on **Monday, July 7**, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Education Team** will meet on **Tuesday, July 8**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

If you would like to help **decorate for Vacation Bible School**, we will be meeting **Wednesday, July 9**, from 5 – 8 p.m. This will be organized similarly to Christmas, all decorations will be provided and in the assigned rooms. I appreciate any help. Please see Sarah Lambert if you have any questions.

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, July 10**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**VBS CARNIVAL** - Kick-Off Carnival will be held on **Saturday, July 12**, from 10 a.m. to noon in the church parking lot. We plan to have a wide variety of games, face-painting, a Bouncy House, and Snocones. We still need volunteers to help with games. We desperately need help with set up at 8:30 a.m. and tear down at noon. We still need canopies. There will be prizes! FREE admission!

**Vacation Bible School** - Our theme for this year is CAMP FIRELIGHT, A Summer Camp Adventure With GOD. VBS will be held here at PSUMC from **July 13 through July 17**. We are planning on serving a light supper for the children beginning at 5:30 each evening. Our program starts at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Supplies Needed for VBS:** large aluminum foil baking trays, 2 liter clear plastic bottles, bubble wrap (both large and small), rough sandpaper, old hand towels, a skateboard (to borrow) flat pieces of styrofoam (like used in packing). Put your donations in the foyer. Thank you!

**Youth Fellowship** will start up again on **Sunday, July 20**, from 2 – 4 p.m. They will meet every first and third Sunday after that.

**Please mark your calendars for Friday, August 1!** The Ice Cream Social is just around the corner. This event has always been a whole church family effort. The UWIF will be counting on you for at least 12 layer cakes, 32 pies, 20 food line workers, 6 cooks, 15 set up/tear down workers, 4 ice cream scoopers, and 4 guest helpers. Come and enjoy the kinship and comradery of the Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 1st, from 4:30 – 7 p.m. There will be sign-up sheets in the atrium beginning Sunday, July 6, for Ice Cream Social workers. Flyers will be available on the publications table in the sanctuary then, also. Plan to bring your family to dine that evening.

**Upper Rooms** devotional booklets for July/August 2025 are on the library table in the south alcove.  
Small - \$1.25    Large - \$3.50

**Watch our services on YouTube!** Just go to our website and click the YouTube link. Our website address is: [www.prospectstreetumc.com](http://www.prospectstreetumc.com).

**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 DVD's on Monday mornings!

**Memorial Pavers** can be ordered for summer installation. If you would like to purchase a paver for the Memorial Park, forms are available on the library table located in the south alcove. The pavers can be in memory of loved ones who have passed away, or in honor of anyone or anything that you would wish to praise. Cost of a paver is \$75.00. Order forms can be turned in to the office.

**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!

**Attendance June 22:** Sunday School - 31

Worship Services – 25/84

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