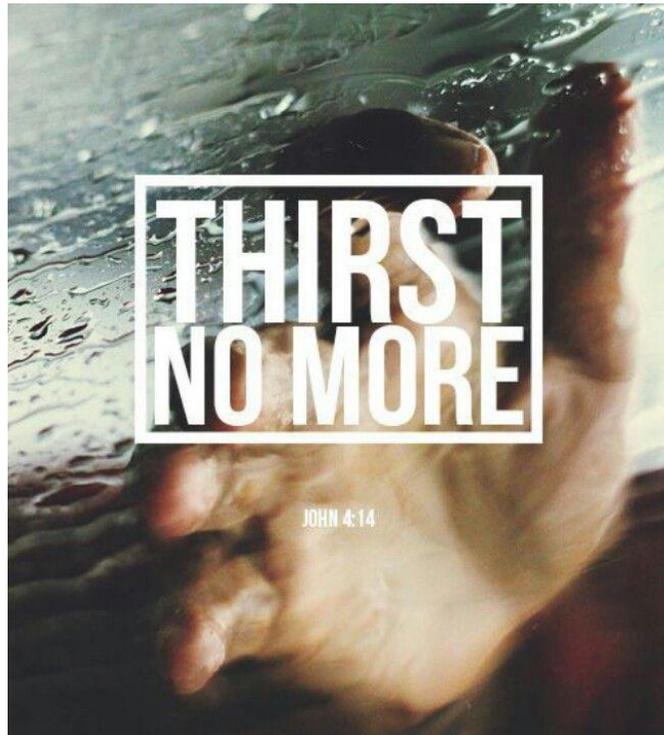


Prospect Street United Methodist Church
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Sunday, March 8th, 2026
10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

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to grow in our commitment to Christ,
to serve others, and welcome all people.”

3rd Sunday in Lent

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*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

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” arr. by Mary McDonald

Gary Flach

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The wilderness can beat us down...

People: And offers inadequate limited resources to alleviate our suffering.

Leader: These are the limited resources to which we turn.

People: And so we thirst.

Leader: But today we dig deeper to the eternal waters,

People: That have been available to us from the moment we drew breath.

OPENING HYMN

”Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

#557

*INVOCATION

Holy Spirit, come and fall upon us this day. Open our eyes and hearts to see that even though at times this world around us in all its wilderness can appear desolate and hopeless, that indeed it is not. We are guilty, O God, of missing what lies beneath the surface. The resources on the surface are easy to get to, which is why we turn to them again and again. But the everlasting waters flow deeper. If we want to feel peace and joy and fulfillment, we need to tap into the Holy Spirit and invest into digging further within. Help us this day, O God, to invest more of our lives into You and

the Holy Spirit. Help us to turn the world around us that appears forgotten into an oasis of love. With inhabitants living out this love with kindness, support, and empowerment. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

“Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”

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

“Jesus Paid It All” arr. by Kimberly Snow

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” ²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his

word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Thirsting for something more"

HYMN OF PRAYER

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

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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

"Wonderful Words of Life"

#600

*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

"Praise Him! Praise Him!" arr. by Cindy Berry

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Liturgist: Norma Stump  
Greeters/Acolytes: Mary Flach

*Next Sunday Scripture: John 9:1-41 & Sermon Title: "Open our Eyes"*

*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

**Last day to order Easter Flowers!** Order forms are in the pews.

The **Prayer Team** will meet **today** during the Sunday School hour.

**Ladies' Lunch** will meet **today** after the Traditional Worship Service at Payne's Pizza.

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

**Youth Fellowship** will meet **today** from 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The **Monday Morning Meeting Bible Study** will meet **tomorrow** at 9:30 a.m.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet **tomorrow** at 1 p.m. at the home of Phyllis Heineman.

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, March 10**, at 1 p.m.

The **VBS/Education Team** will meet on **Tuesday, March 10**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Bible Study** will meet every **Wednesday** at 6:30 p.m. & every **Friday** at 11 a.m.

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

**Book Study** every **Friday** at 10 a.m.

A special collection will be taken for **UMCOR Sunday, March 15**.

**Spring Pot-Luck Luncheon** on **Sunday, March 15**, immediately following the 2nd Service. Meat (fried chicken) will be provided. Also, plates, cups, napkins and eating utensils will be provided. Your job is to bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. This is a good opportunity to invite family and friends to join us for worship and fellowship. Hope you can join us!

The **Leadership Team** will meet on **Thursday, March 19**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Newsletter Deadline** for our April 2026 Tower Notes is **Thursday, March 19!**

**Neighborhood Supper** will be **Friday, March 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. Donations can be placed in the kitchen. Thank you!

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, March 21**, at 8 a.m. The mission for March 2026 will be the PB&J Ministry. What is needed is peanut butter & jelly, sandwich bags, paper lunch bags, and individual size containers of apple sauce.

**Marion Music Club** will be performing in our sanctuary on **Sunday, March 22**, at 3 p.m.

Our annual **SPRING FLING** for children ages 2 to 12 is scheduled for **Saturday, March 28**, at 10:30 a.m. Please donate individually wrapped candies or other goodies for treat bags for the kids. There will be an egg hunt, story time, games and a craft. There will be baskets in the foyer and outside the choir room for donated goodies. Donations need to be brought by Sunday, March 22. Thank you for your support!

The UWIF sponsored **Seed Tree** is set up by the main entrance doors to the Sanctuary through **March 29**. All circles encourage the church family to bring vegetable seeds for this ministry.

**Palm Sunday Feast – Sunday, March 29!** The traditional meal will be noodles with chicken or beef, real mashed potatoes, green beans/butter beans, bread and butter, dessert, and beverages. The meal will be after the second service, and the cost will be \$8.00/adults, \$20.00/family, and \$4.00/kids 10 and under. This meal is sponsored by the Guiding Light Circle. Mark your calendar now for this event and joyfully plan to share in the loving kinship and fellowship with your church family.

**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 March 1:** Sunday School – 34

Worship Services – 29/85

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