

Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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Sunday, November 16th, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

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

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Michelle Fassler

OPENING PRAISE SONG

"I Love You, Lord"

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

"We Gather Together" 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 to give as Christ gave.

People: To give away worry and fear.

Leader: In exchange for courage and hope.

People: To give away doubt.

Leader: In exchange for faith in the impossible.

People: We come to worship our God who wants to use us for His glory.

All: May we have the courage to give God every square inch.

*OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" vs. 1-4

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*INVOCATION

O Great God in Heaven, O Great Holy Spirit that dwells among us. We call upon You to stir within us a great passion and fire that sees what can't be seen. That believes in that which has not yet been revealed. Give us the courage to not just believe in that which we know and see but to believe in what we hope for. If we believe in the hope that we can feed 5,000, may we have the faith to contribute our small but important portion. If we have belief in the hope that we can walk on water, may we have the faith to get our feet wet. If we believe that God in Christ is the living God, may we in faith stop looking for Jesus among the dead. Instead, may we believe that in all things hope abounds. Even and especially those things which seem to be on their last legs, hope

abounds. Our lives, our communities, our churches are only as alive or as dead as we claim them to be. Let us start giving and investing in them in ways that boldly proclaim them to be alive and well in Jesus. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

"God Is Our Refuge"

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

"Bless This House" by Mary H. Brahe

Jim Anderson, soloist

Special Offering

"United Methodist Student Day"

mark envelopes UMSD

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-13

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Give it Away"

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

HYMN OF PRAYER

"Cares Chorus"

on screens

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.**

*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

"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" arr. by Lani Smith

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Liturgist: Paula Kline  
Greeters/Acolytes: The Fassler Family

*Next Sunday Scripture: Isaiah 65:17, 20, 23 and Luke 12:27-31*  
*Sermon Title: "Playing with House Money"*

*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.

**Worship Team Meeting** – **today** immediately after the 2nd service in the choir room.

**Youth Gathering** – **today** from 2 – 4 p.m.

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

The **S.K.I. Group** will meet on **Tuesday, November 18**, at 6:30 p.m.

**Book Study** – every **Wednesday** at 5:30 p.m. and every **Friday** at 10:30 a.m.

The **Leadership Team** will meet on **Thursday, November 20**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Neighborhood Supper** will be **Friday, November 21**, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held again on **Saturday, November 22**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship.

On **Sunday, November 23**, we will celebrate our annual **Consecration Sunday**. It is on this Sunday that we vision and trust into the future of Prospect Street UMC by giving up and laying down our commitment cards (cards that indicate the commitment we are making financially to the church for 2026.) Cards are on the soundboard.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, November 23**. Suggested donations: **Thanksgiving/Christmas Fixins'**. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary.

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, November 23**, for the Neighborhood Supper Fund.

**Mitten Tree** - It's time to bring in mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves to place on the Christmas tree outside the main sanctuary doors **through November 23**. All the items will be taken to Leapin' Outreach. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **Monday, November 24**, at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, November 24**, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

On **Wednesday, November 26**, at 7 p.m., we will have a combined Prospect Street UMC and Crosswood UMC **Thanksgiving Eve Service** held at Prospect Street UMC. I invite you to be a part of this gathering of the faithful.

**Hanging of the Greens** – Please join us **Saturday, November 29**, between 6 and 8 p.m. to help decorate the church for the Season of Advent! We also would like to invite all to bring an ornament for our church family Christmas tree in the Welcome Center starting the first week of Advent, **Sunday, November 30**.

A special **Wesley Scholarship Offering** will be collected on **Sunday, November 30**.

Advent is coming soon and so is the **Christmas Mailbox**. For those of you who weren't here or didn't participate last year, a Christmas Mailbox will be placed in front of the sound booth starting the **first Sunday of Advent, November 30**. You may bring your Christmas cards for your church family to church any Sunday of Advent. The mailbox includes a file where you can place cards according to their last names. Let's have fun and save \$ with this again this year. Of course, each Sunday you look for cards sent to you too!

**Christmas Caroling** to our shut-in and homebound members this year will be on **Sunday, December 7**. Sign up in the Welcome Center!

**Tour of Churches** – **Saturday, December 14**, from 5 – 8 p.m. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

**2026 Wall Calendars** are on sale again this year for \$8.00 in the Welcome Center.

**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!

**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 November 9:** Sunday School – 36      Worship Services – 19/91

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