

Prospect Street United Methodist Church
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Sunday, November 23rd, 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."

Christ the King Sunday

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

Neighborhood Supper

WELCOME

Terry Huff

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

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. by Faye Lopez

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 Kingdom is all around us and Christ is the King.

People: Christ's Kingdom is ruled not by force but by grace.

Leader: As we prepare for this season of Advent and the birth of our King...

People: We start by giving thanks to God for this precious gift.

Leader: The greatest gift of all was the gift of God's Son, our King, our Savior.

People: Let us give thanks by giving not just gold, frankincense, and myrrh but most importantly by giving our hearts.

*OPENING HYMN

"Jesus, United by Thy Grace" vs. 1-4, 6

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*INVOCATION

O Holy and heavenly Father, we have so much to give thanks for that it is hard to know at times where to begin. Help us this day in worship to understand what it means to be a people living in thanksgiving. It's not enough for us to recognize Your gifts and simply say "thanks." Help us to be

grateful for Your gifts by using them, taking risks for the kingdom with them, and giving of them generously to all who proclaim Your Name and Your Kingdom of love on earth. This is the radical way You desire of us to give thanks to You. Not by hoarding or protecting the blessings, but by sharing of them and passing them on so that they may grow in abundance. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

"Thanks to God"

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

"I Believe In A Hill Called Calv'ry"

Dick Schwaderer

Loose offering to help students at YonSei Medical Center in Korea & General Fund

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65: 17, 20, 23, and Luke 12:27-31

17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. 20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. 23 They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well.

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith! 29 And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. 30 For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 Instead, strive for his kingdom and these things will be given to you as well.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Playing with House Money"

HYMN OF PRAYER

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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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

“The Solid Rock” arr. by Larry Shackley

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Liturgist: Colleen McCartney

Greeters/Acolytes: David Haines & Shelly Kincaid

*Next Sunday Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Sermon Title: “We will get there when we get there”*

*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.

**Altar Flowers** are placed in loving memory of Delores Gamble and Ann Green who both battled cancer with grace. Given by Mike & Linda Mills Romans 8:35-39

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

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

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **tomorrow** at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village.

**Book Study** – will not meet the week of Thanksgiving.

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!

The **Board of Trustees** will meet again on **Monday, December 1**, at 6 p.m.

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet on **Thursday, December 4**, at 6 p.m. at the church. Please note time is 6 p.m. not 6:30 p.m. It will be our Christmas Potluck. Please bring a gift to donate to the Christmas Clearing House.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served on **Sunday, December 7**, during both worship services.

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

The **YA Squad** will meet on **Sunday, December 7**, at 1 p.m.

**Youth Gathering** on **Sunday, December 7**, from 2 – 4 p.m.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet at the home of Marilyn Sanderson on **Monday, December 8**, at 12 p.m. If interested in attending this meeting or joining this circle, please contact Norma Stump.

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet on **Monday, December 8**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, December 9**, at 1 p.m. at the home of Judy Stambazze.

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, December 11**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Tour of Churches – Saturday, December 13**, from 5 – 8 p.m. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

Church Family Potluck Lunch on **Sunday, December 14**, following the second service. Meat, drinks, plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided. Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert and join us! Our last Potluck Meal was a huge success.

Children's Christmas Program - Presenting THE PLAY (a musical celebration of the Birth of Christ) on **Sunday, December 14**, 10:30 am (Second Service). Directed by Shannen Smale and Michelle Fassler.

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

**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 16:** Sunday School – 28      Worship Services – 29/95

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