

Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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Sunday, November 9th, 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."

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

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

"Now Thank We All Our God" arr. by Virgil Fox

Jim Anderson

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 today to worship the God who cannot be boxed in.

People: Our God is constantly challenging the way we think about God and God's creation.

Leader: If we are willing to grow, our way and God's way won't always see eye to eye.

People: When we don't agree with something, we might be difficult to be around; we might even close ourselves off entirely.

Leader: As we worship today, the Word and the Spirit just might move us.

People: If and when it does, may we not resist it, but receive it and let it transform us.

*OPENING HYMN

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

#462

*INVOCATION

O Heavenly Father, we ask of You today to bring to us new life and a new understanding of the ways in which Your creative hands are constantly working around us. O Jesus Christ, Son of God, we beseech You to take our sins and imperfections. We lay them down at the altar today for You. Redeem us from these things that bind us and burden us. May we be free of them so as to be free in You. O Holy Spirit, we call upon You today to take each us of us here today and though

we might be different, make us one. One in song, one in voice, one heart, one soul, one mind. May our actions reflect our solidarity of Spirit. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hymn of Heaven" by Phil Wickham

John Garnes

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

"My Savior First of All" arr. by Albin C. Whitworth

***Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 20:27-38

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him 28 and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; 30 then the second 31 and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." 34 Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36 Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"What Are You Married To?"

HYMN OF PRAYER

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

#496

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**

"We Are the Church"

#558

***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

"Just As I Am, Thine Own to Be" arr. by Lani Smith

Liturgist: Charlene Spillman
Greeters/Acolytes: Stan & Jill Casey

Next Sunday Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25
Sermon Title: "We are living in the Kingdom of God"

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.

Children's Christmas Program - rehearsals will be held during Sunday School **today**.

Ladies' Lunch will be held **today** after the second service.

The **MVNU Treble Singers** under the direction of Sabina Anderson and the Emanuel Choir under the direction of Steve deWeber will present an evening of song **today**, at 6 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

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

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

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet **tomorrow** at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

Guiding Light Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 11**, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Education Team** will meet on **Tuesday, November 11**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

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

Church Conference – **Thursday, November 13**, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Newsletter Deadline will be **Friday, November 14**, for our December 2025 Tower Notes!

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, November 15**, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men! For the month of November they will be collecting dry dog & cat food, kitty litter, and cleaning supplies for the Marion County Humane Society.

A special offering for "**United Methodist Student Day**" will be collected on **Sunday, November 16**.

Worship Team Meeting – Sunday, November 16, immediately after the 2nd service in the choir room. Please bring your Advent and Christmas ideas.

Operation Christmas Child - Dedication Sunday, November 16! There is a table in the foyer for filled boxes. Pre-printed boxes are available there for you to fill. For those who want to furnish items you will also find a box for the items on the table.

Youth Gathering – Sunday, November 16, from 2 – 4 p.m.

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

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

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.

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**.

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 will be **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.

Attendance November 2: Sunday School – 28 Worship Services – 29/99

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