

Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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Pastor, Joshua Freshour

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Sunday, October 26th, 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.”

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)

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

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. by Susan Caudill & Jerry Nelson

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...

People: Not because we already have our lives put together.

Leader: We come to worship...

People: Because every day we need grace to save us from our brokenness.

Leader: And the more we acknowledge our brokenness...

People: The more forgiving we are of others brokenness...

All: The higher we rise with Christ!

*OPENING HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

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*INVOCATION

Almighty God, as great and as powerful as You are, help us to remember that in Your righteousness and holiness, You still forgive our trespasses. Though we are miles apart, by Your love and grace, You close the gap. May we, Your people, strive to be like You in this manner first

and foremost. While we struggle to give You our all, while we struggle to sacrifice everything we have and give it to You, may we at least understand that the first step to holiness is humility. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Senior Choir

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

“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

“Cross Medley” arr. by John Innes

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

Luke 18:9-14

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“I Am!”

HYMN OF PRAYER

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” vs. 1 & 4

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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

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

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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

"Because He Lives" arr. by Don Hustad

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Liturgist: Mary Flach

Greeters/Acolytes: Tammy & Liam Criswell

Next Sunday Scripture: Luke 6:17-26 & Sermon Title: "Serve to Change"

*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.

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

The **UWIF 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.

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

**Trunk-or-Treat - Friday, October 31**, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Decorate your trunk! Give out treats to our kids & neighborhood kids! Come for fun! We will be having hot dogs, chips, and cider for the kids. If you can donate hot dogs, buns, chips, or cider, please bring them to the church kitchen and mark them. We could also use extra individually wrapped candy. They can be placed in the Halloween Boxes in the foyer and main hallway.

**Daylight Saving Time** ends **Sunday, November 2**, at 2 a.m.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served on **Sunday, November 2**.

**Sunday, November 2**, the YA Squad will meet at 1 p.m.

**Youth Fellowship** will meet on **Sunday, November 2**, from 2 – 4 p.m.

**Mitten Tree** - It's time to bring in mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves to place on the Christmas tree outside the main sanctuary doors beginning **November 2 through November 23**. It may not be cold while you are reading this, but as we all know, winter comes and many children do not have mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves to keep them warm. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

**Poinsettia Sale** - Deadline to order Christmas Poinsettias is **November 3!** Order forms are in the pews. Completed orders with payment can be put in the offering plate or brought to the church office. Proceeds will be given to the General Fund.

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet on **Monday, November 3**, at 6 p.m. at the church. This will be shoebox assembly night.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet on **Monday, November 3**, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our **Local Missions Bazaar** will be on **Saturday, November 8**, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Potential Vendors may contact the church office for vendor registration forms. Please plan to attend, browse the vendors, and eat breakfast or lunch. All Guiding Light proceeds earned at the bazaar – cheese balls, kitchen sales, and vendor registrations will be given to local charities. Please help advertise this event by placing a flyer in the community, available on the library table in the south alcove.

The **Prayer Team** will meet on **Sunday, November 9**, during the Sunday School hour.

**Ladies' Lunch** will be held on **Sunday, November 9**, after the second service.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet again on **Monday, November 10**, at 1 p.m. at the home of Phyllis Heineman.

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet on **Monday, November 10**, at 6 p.m.

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

**Newsletter Deadline** will be **Friday, November 14**, for our November 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.

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

**Operation Christmas Child** - 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.

**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.

**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 October 19:** Sunday School – 28      Worship Services – 19/77

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