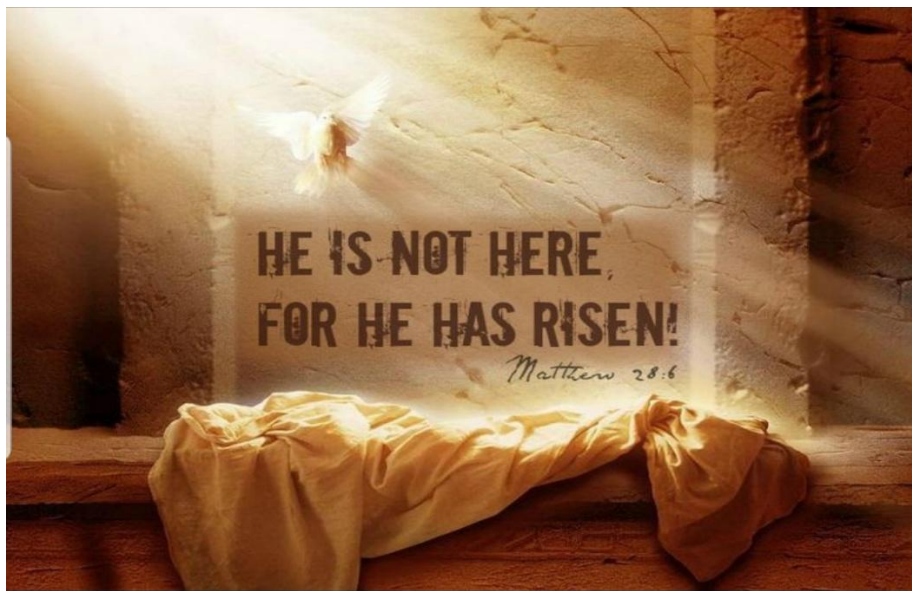


Prospect Street United Methodist Church
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Pastor, Joshua Freshour
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Sunday, April 5th, 2026
10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

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

Easter Sunday

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Michelle Fassler

OPENING PRAISE SONG

“We Will Glorify”

on screens

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

“Because He Lives” arr. by Wm. & Gloria Gaither

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning the world was dark.

People: And so God got to work.

Leader: Before the sun rose on a Sunday.

People: Jesus transformed everything.

Leader: Darkness is not the end; it's only the beginning....

People: Because just as the sun will rise, love will roll the stone away...

All: And Christ will live forever.

*OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

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*INVOCATION

O God of love and grace and hope and new life, give us, Your people, on this day of resurrection; on this day in which the sun will not be held down; on this day in which we celebrate not just the conquering of death but even more importantly, conquering the doubt that such a thing could even be possible. Give us sustained patience and endurance. Because even though we celebrate the empty tomb today, there will still be many closed tomes in our lives down the

road. There will be dark days. Therefore, give us patience to know that even when things are dark, that you are indeed working. To never give up because we believe in faith that You always have a plan for love and new life to win in the end. Amen.

EASTER ANTHEM

“Easter Celebration!”

Senior Choir

CHILDREN'S 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've Just Seen Jesus” arr. by Gaithers

Vocal duet by Lynette & Jim Anderson

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 1-18

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed down their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be Handed over to sinners, and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher.) ¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“There’s No Time to Wait”

Pastor Josh Freshour

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

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

"Up from the Grave He Arose"

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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

"Lift High the Cross" arr. by M. Hayes & M. Gaspard

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Liturgist: Lynette Burris  
Greeters/Acolytes: John Haas

*Next Sunday Scripture: John 20: 19-31 & Sermon Title: "Grace Brings Us up to Speed"*

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

The **Board of Trustees** will meet **tomorrow** at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.  
**Bible Study** – every **Wednesday** at 6 p.m.

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet on **Thursday, April 9**, at 6 p.m. Patty Franklin and Nancy Kimbel will serve as hostesses.

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, April 9**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Book Study** every **Friday** at 10 a.m. and **Bible Study** every **Friday** at 11 a.m.

The **Prayer Team** will meet **Sunday, April 12**, during the Sunday School hour in the Library.

**Ladies' Lunch** will meet on **Sunday, April 12**, after the Traditional Worship Service.

The **YA Squad** will meet on **Sunday, April 12 and Sunday, April 26**, at 1 p.m.

**Youth Fellowship** will meet **Sunday, April 12 & Sunday, April 26**, from 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The **Hilda Weiss** will meet again on **Monday, April 13**, at 2 p.m. at Seton Square, 255 Richland Road.

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet again **Tuesday, April 14**, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Education/VBS Team** will meet on **Tuesday, April 14**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Wesley Scholarship** - Now is the time to pick up the application for the Wesley Scholarship. This one-year scholarship is open to any member of Prospect Street UMC who is continuing their education beyond high school. Pick up the application at the church (table by the main doors to sanctuary) and complete and submit it to the church by **April 15**.

**Newsletter Deadline** will be **Thursday, April 16**, for our May 2026 Tower Notes!

**Neighborhood Supper** will be **Friday, April 17**, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, April 18**, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men! In April we will be collection cash or checks for our Community Breakfast Ministry.

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held again on **Saturday, April 25**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, April 26**. Suggested donations: **Dry Beverage Mixes (instant coffee and tea, instant breakfast drinks, etc.)** They are also in need of paper products and feminine products. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, April 26**, for the Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck.

**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.

**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 29:** Sunday School – 21

Worship Services – 29/101

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