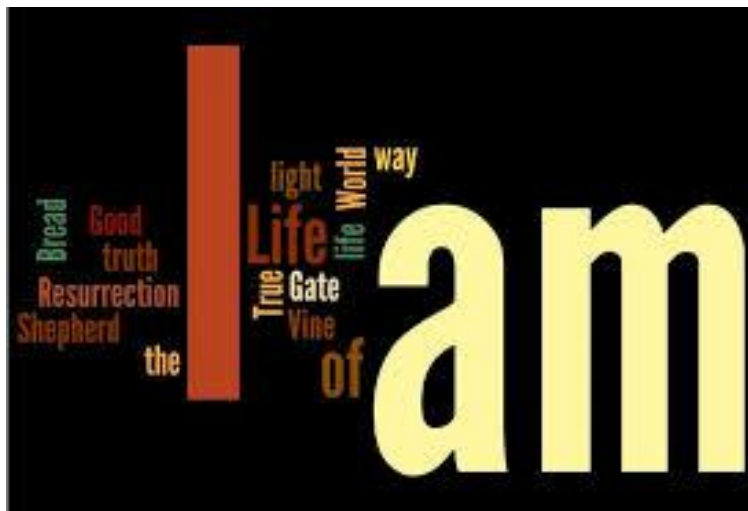


Prospect Street United Methodist Church
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Pastor, Joshua Freshour
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Sunday, May 3rd, 2026
10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

“We are united to love God,
to grow in our commitment to Christ,
to serve others, and welcome all people.”

5th Sunday of Easter

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy” arr. by Dan Miller

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 with a commonality.

People: One person is not better than another.

Leader: Nor is one person below another.

People: We have all been broken by sin.

Leader: But we have all been saved by grace.

People: Thanks be to God that it is not our sin that defines us, but the love we **share in the name of Jesus.**

*OPENING HYMN

“How Can We Name a Love”

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*INVOCATION

Holy and majestic God. The one who restores our lives. You desire each of us, Your children, to never have to go through pain and misery. You desire each of us to make all the right choices. To have hearts that are pure and a mind that is perfect. Still, You have created us to have an identity and You made this so because of Your love for us. Because of this, we make choices every day to either wander from You or to stay by Your side. So, when we trespass or when others trespass against us, we get hurt. This is the truth and this is reality and it's unavoidable, but thanks to be to

You, O God, that so is the healing, life giving power You give. Help us to not panic because of our imperfections but instead to focus on You and the power You possess to restore our lives. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

“Precious Jesus”

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

“People Need the Lord” arr. by Phill McHugh & Greg Nelson

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:4-8 and John 6:32-35

4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. 32 Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” 35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“Broken and Beautiful”

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

“The Summons”

*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

"Proclaim the Glory of the Lord" arr. by Dwight Liles

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Liturgist: Barbara Jones  
Greeters/Acolytes: Keith Haas

*Next Sunday Scripture: John 14:1-7, John 8:12-13, 17-19 & Sermon Title: "Real Truth is God Centered"*

*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.

If you or someone you know is **graduating from high school or college**, please call the church office.

The **Monday Morning 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.

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

**National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7** - Once again, we will hold a National Day of Prayer 24-hour Prayer Vigil! The sign-up sheet (with a post it note reminder for you to place on your calendar) is in the foyer.

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet on **Thursday, May 7**, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. We will be collecting items to donate to the Neighborhood Supper.

The **Prayer Team** will meet **Sunday, May 10**, during the Sunday School hour in the Library.

**Ladies' Lunch** will meet **Sunday, May 10**, after the Traditional Service at to Red Lobster.

The **YA Squad** will meet **Sunday, May 10**, at 1 p.m.

**Youth Fellowship** will meet **Sunday, May 10**, from 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet again on **Monday, May 11**, at 1 p.m.

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet **Monday, May 11**, at 6 p.m.

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, May 12**, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Education/VBS Team** will meet on **Tuesday, May 12, at 6 p.m.**

**Newsletter Deadline** will be **Thursday, May 14**, for our June 2026 Tower Notes!

The **Finance Team** will meet again on **Thursday, May 14**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Neighborhood Supper** will be **Friday, May 15**, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal. Neighborhood Supper has seen an increase in the number of people served. The past several months we have served between 160 and 190 people. That means we need 30+ batches of cookies each month. Although we have had a few ladies commit to making cookies, we still have times when we are short. We are looking for cookie bakers again. Would you be willing to bake a couple of batches each month? If so, please see Molly Lu Balis or call her at 740-251-8989.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, May 16**, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! We have decided to help out our own kitchen supplies. The supplies most needed are: Coffee, especially decaf; napkins; vegetable oil; salt & pepper; powdered creamer; Dawn dish soap.

**UWIF Meal** - For many years, our graduates have been honored with a meal after church. In the past few years, it has evolved to include those who have served our church and these graduates in their spiritual walks. In keeping with tradition, the following groups of servants may dine at no cost, on **Sunday, May 17**, after the second church service: Graduates, choir members, accompanists, ushers, Sunday school teachers, and sound techs. Picnic fare will be the menu – chicken and sloppy joe sandwiches, boxed mac & Cheese, baked beans, chips, beverages, and dessert. Meals will be \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child 10 and under, and \$20.00 for a family. Please consider joining us for this day of celebration and acknowledgment.

Once again, Prospect Street UMC has the honor of hosting **The Cardinal Chorale** under the direction of Mr. Charles R. Snyder. On **Monday, June 8, at 7 p.m.** This is a Christian Hospitality Opportunity!

- Please **MARK** the date on your calendars.
- **INVITE FRIENDS. It is a FREE concert!**
- **HOUSING** is always a large responsibility. We must have housing for approximately 45 people. Host homes will have 2-4 singers. These people are some of the most kind and thoughtful people you will ever meet. Host families often feel like they have been more on the receiving end, rather than the giving end, after this experience. The singers aren't picky; they are willing to sleep on beds, air mattresses or couches! Hosts provide a light snack after the concert (water/fruit) bedding, shower/towels, and a light breakfast for the morning. You will need to pick them up after the concert and bring them back in the morning.
- **DONATIONS** - If you are unable to attend the concert or host singers, you can support the Chorale through a financial gift. Money is needed to help pay for their coach bus and driver. Donations of any size are truly appreciated.

Please contact the church office, if you can assist with this concert in any way.

**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!

**Attendance April 26:** Sunday School - 25

Worship Services – 34/72

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