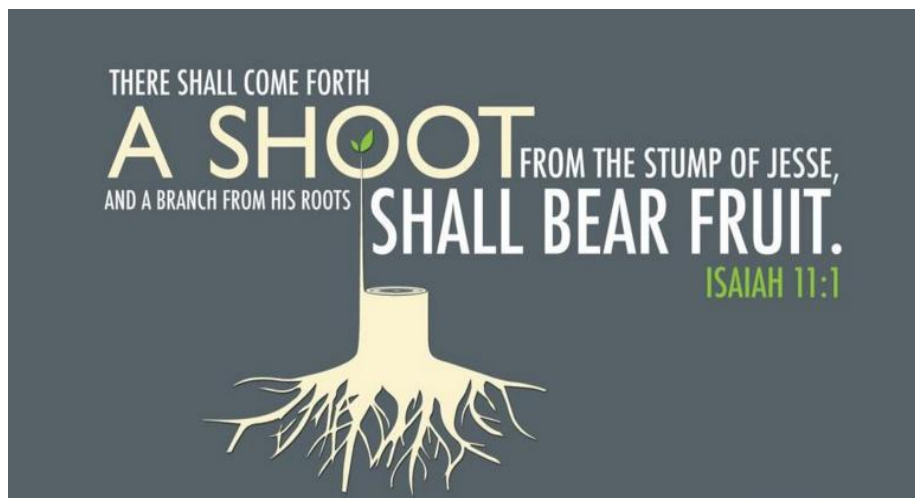


Prospect Street United Methodist Church
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Sunday, December 7th, 2025
8:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

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

2nd Sunday of Advent

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Pastor Josh Freshour

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LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

*PRAISE SONGS

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
“Away in a Manger”**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON TITLE

“Beware the Mirage”

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 SONG “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

*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.

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Greeter: Debbie Welch & Pam Larkin

*Next Sunday Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10 & Sermon Title: “Joy in the Journey”*

*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.

For those of you who weren’t here or didn’t participate last year, a **Christmas Mailbox** will be in front of the sound booth. 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!

We would like to invite all to bring an **ornament** for our church family Christmas tree in the Welcome Center.

**Christmas Caroling** to our shut-in and homebound members will be **today**.

The **YA Squad** will meet **today** at 1 p.m.

**Youth Gathering today** from 2 – 4 p.m.

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

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

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet **tomorrow** 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.

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

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.

**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.

**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.

**Newsletter Deadline** will be on **Wednesday, December 17**, for our January 2026 Tower Notes.

The monthly **Neighborhood Supper** will be served on **Friday, December 19**, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

The next **Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, December 20**, at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting for Turning Point. They are in need of monetary donations (checks made out to Turning Point), tall kitchen trash bags, and cleaning supplies.

**Youth Gathering – Sunday, December 21**, from 2 – 4 p.m.

The **Marion Music Club** will be performing on **Sunday, December 21**, at 3 p.m.

#### **Christmas Eve Services**

5:00 p.m. - Pre-Service Music

5:30 p.m. – Early Christmas Candlelight Service

7:00 p.m. - Pre-Service Music

7:30 p.m. – Late Christmas Candlelight Service

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held again on **Saturday, December 27**, 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, December 28**. Suggested donations: **Items of your choice**. 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, December 28**, for Turning Point.

**Offering Envelopes for 2026** – are in the foyer. If you need envelopes, please call Erika.

**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!

**Attendance November 30:** Sunday School – 24      Worship Services – 25/91

**Thanksgiving Eve Service** - November 26 - 52

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