

Prospect Street United Methodist Church
185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302
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Pastor, Joshua Freshour

Sunday, February 23rd, 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.”

7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

Vacation Bible School

WELCOME

Michelle Fassler

OPENING PRAISE SONG

**“Great Is the Lord”
Great is the Lord,
He is holy and just;
by His power
we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord,
He is faithful and true;
by His mercy
He proves He is love.
Great is the Lord
and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord
and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord;
now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord!
Great is the Lord!
Great is the Lord,
He is holy and just;
by His power
we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord,
He is faithful and true;
by His mercy
He proves He is love.
Great are you, Lord,
and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord,
and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord;
I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice:
Great are you, Lord!
Great are 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

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin” arr. by Mary McDonald

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have many reasons for coming to worship.

People: The people, the music, the children, the message.

Leader: But while these might be good reasons to come...

People: The most important reason is to dwell and worship with our Lord and Savior.

Leader: Humanity has its place and the gifts God gives to us have their place.

People: But no one and nothing can take the place of God.

All: Let us fully submit to our God today and submit to His plan and His will.

*OPENING HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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**1. My faith looks
up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Spirit divine!**

**Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!**

**2. May thy rich
grace impart
strength to my
fainting heart,
my zeal inspire!**

**As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and
changeless be,
a living fire!**

**3. While life’s dark
maze I tread,
and griefs**

around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.
4. When ends life's
transient dream,
when death's cold,
sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

*INVOCATION

O God of grace and God of glory, at this hour and in this time of worship, may we understand that while You loved us as we were still sinners, You still desire and hope for more from us Your people. While You love us in our brokenness, Your desire is for us to live in wholeness. May we see that the only way we can live this way is for us to begin putting You in charge of our lives. We tend to make things chaotic for ourselves from time to time. Today, we are asking You to put us in our place and bring a loving order to our lives. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

"Sing Unto the Lord"

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

"More About Jesus" arr. by Mary McDonald

Loose offering to help students at YonSei Medical Center in Korea & PIN

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. ¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰ and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." ²¹ So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours. ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future – all belong to you, ²³ and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"First Things First"

Pastor Josh Freshour

HYMN OF PRAYER

“Sanctuary”
Lord, prepare me
to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy,
tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I’ll be a living
sanctuary for you.

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

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

#438

1. Forth in thy name,
O Lord, I go,
my daily labor
to pursue;
thee, only thee,
resolved to know
in all I think
or speak or do.
2. The task thy wisdom
hath assigned,
O let me
cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works
thy presence find,
and prove thy good
and perfect will.
3. Thee may I set
at my right hand,
whose eyes mine
inmost substance see,
and labor on
at thy command,
and offer all my
works to thee.
4. For thee
delightfully employ
whate’er thy bounteous
grace hath given;
and run my course
with even joy,
and closely walk
with thee to heaven.

*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

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus” arr. by Mary McDonald

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Liturgist: Colleen McCartney

Greeters/Acolytes: Charlene Spillman & Mary Flach

Next Sunday Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 & Sermon Title: “You Can Take It With You”

*The clear candle burning on our altar signifies our appreciation for the men and women serving our country during this time of national concern.*

**Monday Morning Bible Study Group** will meet **tomorrow** morning at 9:30 a.m.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **tomorrow** at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be held **tomorrow** at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion.

**Lenten Study** - every Wednesday beginning **February 26** at 5:30 p.m. and every Friday beginning **February 28** at 10:30 a.m.

The Jackson Area Ministries needs to have their seed supply replenished this year for their area wide gardening projects. The UWIF sponsored **Seed Tree** will be in the main hallway from **March 2 – March 30**. All circles encourage the church family to bring vegetable seeds for this ministry.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served at both services on **Sunday, March 2**.

The **Prayer Team** will meet on **Sunday, March 2**, after the second service.

The **Worship Team** will meet **Sunday, March 2**, after the second service in the choir room.

The **Marion Concert Band** presents “March Into March” on **Sunday, March 2**, at 3 p.m. at the River Valley High School Auditorium. No admission charge!

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

Come and join us on **Wednesday, March 5**, at 7 p.m. for our **Ash Wednesday Service** at Crosswood UMC .

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet on **Thursday, March 6**, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Anita Baker and April Taylor will serve as hostesses.

Erika will be on vacation from **March 7 till March 14**. Dianna Eckle will be in the office from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Child Evangelism Fellowship Luncheon and Silent Auction** will be held on **Saturday, March 8**, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Cornerstone Alliance Church, 2010 St. Rt. 4 S. To reserve lunch tickets call Cheryl at 740-262-0939.

**Spring Forward** - Daylight Saving Time begins **March 9!**

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

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet on **Monday, March 10**, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, March 13**, at 7 p.m.

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

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, March 15**, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men!

**Special Music during Lent** – If you would like to provide special music during the offertory in Lent, please sign up in the choir room. The sign-up sheet is in front of the choir boxes.

**Pastor Josh** is in the office Tuesday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call the church office if you would like to set up a time to see him or just come on in!

The **Flower Calendar** for 2025 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.

**Serendipity Sunday School Class** – They meet across the kitchen in the basement.

**New Beginnings Sunday School Class** – They meet in the basement right off the elevator.

**Faith Builders Sunday School Class** – They meet in the Upper Room.

**Teen Sunday School Class** - They meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the youth room.

**Upper Rooms** Devotional Booklets for March/April 2025 are on the table inside the main entrance to the sanctuary. Small - \$1.20      Large - \$3.50

**Service DVD's for Shut-Ins!** We have DVD's available of all our Sunday Services for anyone who would like to borrow them or have a copy. We are delivering DVD Players and the DVD's on Monday mornings! Call Erika in the office for information.

**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 February 16:** Sunday School – 14      Worship Services – 8/37

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