

Prospect Street United Methodist Church

185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302

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Pastor, Joshua Freshour

Sunday, February 9th, 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."

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Terry Huff

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!
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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

“When Love Is Found” arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I'm sure we could find a million reasons in our brain not to come today.

People: We think of all that we need to do around the house.

Leader: We think of the errands that we need to run.

People: We think of that sleep that we need to catch up on.

Leader: We think of how difficult and cold and dangerous it might be to get here. We didn't think about coming, but simply came.

All: Because the Spirit within listened to the calling of our God.

*OPENING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

#451

**1. Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art.**

**Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.**

**3. Great God of heaven,
my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.**

*INVOCATION

O Gracious, heavenly Father, pour out Your Spirit upon us today that it might search us deep within. May it find within us seeds planted that lie dormant and simply need nurturing and

care. May our spirits awaken within us the gifts that You have given; gifts that we either have thought unimportant or have been afraid to use. May the Spirit that guides us all bring us closer, O God, to Your likeness, closer in our following of Your way, and closer in love with You and the relationship You are always offering. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

“The Gift of Love”

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

“Lord, I Want to Be A Christian” arr. by Alvin C. Whitworth

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages of our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” - ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught my human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny. ¹⁶ “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“Sharing of the Christ Within You”

Pastor Josh Freshour

HYMN OF PRAYER

“Seek Ye First”

#405

- 1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**
- 2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall
be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

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"

- 1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?**
- 2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?**
- 3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?**
- 4. Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you
and you in me?**

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
and you in me.

*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

“How Can I Keep From Singing” arr. by John Dixon

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Liturgist: Scout Troop 950  
Greeters/Acolytes: Scout Troop 950

Next Sunday Scripture: Matthew 5:21-37 & Sermon Title: “Win Win”

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

**Altar Flowers** are placed in loving memory of Elmer Castle by his family.

**Subs Sale:** Orders can be picked up in the kitchen after 1st service and in the Foyer after 2nd service. Extra subs, meat and cheese available while supplies last.

**Ladies' Lunch Group** will meet again **today** after the second service.

**Monday Morning Bible Study Group - tomorrow** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet **tomorrow** at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The new president, Norma Stump, will co-host the meeting with Phyllis Heineman.

**Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet **tomorrow** at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Guiding Light Circle - Tuesday, February 11**, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Charlene Spillman and Linda Kear will be the hostesses and the program will be the Silent Meal.

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, February 13**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

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

**Valentine Caroling** - we will be a blessing to others on **Sunday, February 16**. A light lunch will be provided by the UWIF immediately after the second service. Please consider joining this outreach ministry. There is a sign-up sheet in the Atrium!

**Youth Group – Sunday, February 16**, from 12 – 2 p.m.

**S.K.I. Group** – President Deb Welch states that the group will meet at hostess Sue Bess' home on **Tuesday, February 18**, at 6 p.m.

**Newsletter Deadline** will be **Thursday, February 20**, for our March 2025 Tower Notes!

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

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, February 22**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. This breakfast is free and open to all (donations will be accepted). This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and support this effort to reach out into our community and build relationships with our neighbors and be fulfilled in sharing the love and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Come one, come all to help, support, or just have breakfast and fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Bill Bess at 740-360-3965.

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

Come and join us on **Wednesday, March 5**, at 7 p.m. for our **Ash Wednesday Service** at Crosswood UMC as we kick off the season of Lent looking inwardly to our need for repentance.

**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.

**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. Let the office know if you order your own flowers.

**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.

**Young Adult Sunday School Class** is meeting 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 January/February 2025 are on the table inside the main entrance to the sanctuary. **Price increase because we only order 2 large prints now.** 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 2:** Sunday School – 29      Worship Services – 31/91

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