

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

Sunday, January 19th, 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.”

2nd 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!
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

“Amazing Grace” arr. by Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We've heard the statement, the early bird gets the worm.

People: But while it's good to be early, it's even better to stay late.

Leader: Because when everything else has been gobbled up and the greedy birds have left.

People: Jesus comes and offers us something greater than worms.

Leader: He offers us wholeness by grace and newness by everlasting life.

People: So let's be patient. Because with Jesus, the best is always yet to come.

*OPENING HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#526

**1. What a friend
we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace
we often forfeit,
O what needless
pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**2. Have we trials
and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never
be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find
a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows
our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3. Are we weak
and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior,
still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Do thy friends despise,
forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll
take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.**

***INVOCATION**

O God, we come to You today asking that Your Spirit be upon us. May the Spirit enlighten us as the body of Christ to understand that faith isn't about impatiently waiting for the next mountain top experience. It is about understanding that even in the midst of the valley, where the wine is old and the bread is stale, because You are with us, we trust that the valley is the place to be. Help us to not be so quick to search for an exit when You don't present Yourself to us as we think You should. You're not hidden; it is we who have just moved onto the next wedding. We don't need to seek You amongst the shiny and new, but instead see You among the broken and know that the best wine is promised for those who wait for it. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

"Guide My Feet, 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

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. by Albin Whitworth

Special Offering

"Human Relations Day"

see bulletin insert

***Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tell you." 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"The Real Party Started on Day 3"

Pastor Josh Freshour

HYMN OF PRAYER

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

#641

Fill my cup Lord,

I lift it up, Lord.

Come and quench

this thirsting of my soul.

**Bread of heaven,
feed me till I
want no more;
fill my cup,
fill it up
and make me whole.**

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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

#133

**1. What a fellowship,
what a joy divine,
leaning on the
everlasting arms;
what a blessedness,
what a peace is mine,
leaning on the
everlasting arms.
Lean - - - ing,
(Leaning on Jesus,)
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,)
safe and secure
from all alarms;
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus.)
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,)
leaning on the
everlasting arms.**

**2. O how sweet to walk
in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the
everlasting arms;
O how bright the path
grows from day to day,
leaning on the
everlasting arms.
Lean - - - ing,
(Leaning on Jesus,)
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,)**

**safe and secure
from all alarms;
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,)
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,)
leaning on the
everlasting arms.**

**3. What have I to dread,
what have I to fear,
leaning on the
everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace
with my Lord so near,
leaning on the
everlasting arms.
Lean - - - ing,
(Leaning on Jesus,)
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,)
safe and secure
from all alarms;
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,)
lean - - - ing,
(leaning on Jesus,)
leaning on the
everlasting arms.**

*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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” arr. by Albin Whitworth

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Liturgist: Charlene Spillman

Greeters/Acolytes: Shawn Hastings

Next Sunday Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a & Sermon Title: “Bellybuttons Wanted”

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

**Super Bowl Sub Sale** - Our Staff-Pastor-Relations Team & Finance Team will be taking orders for subs starting **today** and ending next **Sunday, January 26**. The subs will be ready just in time for the game February 9. Cost of the subs will be \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go towards our General Fund expenses. If anyone has an interest in helping to serve our Church with this fundraiser, and would like to join us prepping the subs on Tuesday, February 4, at 5 p.m. to help slice and stack the meat and cheese, or Thursday, February 6, at 10 a.m. and/or 5 p.m. to make the subs, it would be greatly appreciated. It really is a lot of fun making the subs and enjoying fellowship at the same time.

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

The **S.K.I. Group** will meet again on **Tuesday, January 21**, at 6 p.m. at Perkins.

**Education Team Meeting - Tuesday, January 21**, at 6 p.m. We will be discussing VBS and other upcoming events. All persons interested in helping with children's activities are invited to attend. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be postponed until February 18.

**Louis Hughes** is celebrating his 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday on **January 23**. Let's shower him with cards. Send your card to Kingston Residence, Apt. 114, 464 James Way.

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, January 25**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. This community outreach is sponsored by the Men's Prayer Breakfast group and the S.K.I. Group. 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.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, January 26**. Suggested donations: **Soups & Crackers**. They are also in need of paper products and feminine products. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary.

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, January 26**, for the Community Breakfast.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, January 27**, at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **Monday, January 27**, at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street. If you would like to help, contact the church office.

**Save-the-Date** – Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House for Phyllis Heineman **February 7**, from 2 - 5 p.m. at her home, 1670 Union Park Circle.

If you would like to have **Offering Envelopes for 2025**, please call Erika at the office.

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.

**Pastor Josh** will be 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!

**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 January 12:** Sunday School – 36      Worship Services – 29/79

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