

# Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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Pastor, Joshua Freshour

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.”

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

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Joshua Freshour, Pastor

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Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Pastor Josh Freshour

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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\*PRAISE SONGS

**“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”  
“I Need Thee Every Hour”**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” 4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” 8 Jesus answered him “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” 9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ 11 and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” 12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

***“Into the Wilderness”***

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

“Everlasting God”

\*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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Greeters: Gary & Sandy Redd

Next Sunday Scripture: Philippians 3:17-4:1& Sermon Title: “We Don't Belong”

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

The **Ladies’ Lunch** group will meet again **today** after the second service.

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

**Easter Flowers** can be ordered through **tomorrow**.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet **tomorrow** at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish-Relations Team** will meet **tomorrow** 6 p.m.

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

**Lenten Study – Wednesdays** at 5:30 p.m. and **Fridays** at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

The **S.K.I. Group** will meet on **Tuesday, March 18**, at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Newsletter Deadline** will be **Friday, March 21**, for our April 2025 Tower Notes!

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

**Neighborhood Supper Canned Fruit Drive** - Most months, we go through 3 to 4 GFS sized cans of fruit. We will take any kind of fruit and any size can. Also, we are looking for cookie bakers. If you enjoy baking cookies and would like to become one of our “bakers”, please let Molly Lu or Judy Stambazze know. Thank you for your support.

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, March 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.

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, March 23**, for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, March 23**. Suggested donations: Pasta & Rice. 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!

The **Marion Music Club** will be performing in our sanctuary **Sunday, March 23**, at 3 p.m.

**Campaign For Kindness** Yard signs are on sale through **Sunday, March 23**, for \$15.00 a sign. Please use the order form in each pew.

The Jackson Area Ministries needs to have their seed supply replenished this year for their area wide gardening projects. The UWIF sponsored **Seed Tree** is in the main hallway through **March 30**.

**Wesley Scholarship** - Now is the time to pick up the application for the Wesley Scholarship that our church gives out every year. You must pick up the application at the church and complete and submit it to the church by **April 15**. You can also call Erika and she can mail an application to you! There is scholarship money waiting for somebody.

Please add to your newsletter **military prayer** list Anita Baker's granddaughter, Kaitlyn Crosby. Kaitlyn is in the Navy and is stationed in California.

**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.

**Elementary Sunday School Class** – They meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

**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

**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 March 2:** Sunday School – 33      Worship Services – 26/78

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