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MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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This week's cover image is an image of a stained glass panel titled "Agnus Dei" at the Benedictine Monastery of Encontro in Parana, Brazil.

Welcome to Maxwell Street! We hope you will consider wearing a nametag so that we might get to know one another better. They can be found in the lobbies outside the sanctuary. You can find more helpful information inside this bulletin.

INTROIT 411 - *God Is Here Today*

**God is here today;
as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.**

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - Prayer, Ralph Federer, Susan Carey, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.
We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.
Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.
Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.
Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.
Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

+ HYMN 625 - *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)*

+ CONFESSION & PARDON

Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

• RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS: Hymn 581, *(Gloria Patri)*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

Holy God, reveal yourself to us once again as we hear your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, inspire us to follow where you lead, and to answer your call. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 NT pg 165 (NRSVUE)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the written testimony to the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM - Grace, Mark Hayes, Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING - John 1:35-42 NT 92

SERMON - *Called Into Partnership*- Rev. Matt Falco

STATEMENT OF FAITH - From *A Declaration of Faith*

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

+ HYMN 721 - *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Refrain in English, Spanish, English, Spanish

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S (Debts & Debtors)

OFFERING

- OFFERTORY *Siciliano* BWV 1031, J. S. Bach
- DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

- PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN 39 - *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE - Hymn 733, We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may
know Christ's love.

POSTLUDE - *Dialogue on the Fifth Tone on the Grand Jeux*, Gilles Jullien (1651-1703)

Join us in the Punch Parlor after worship at the rear of sanctuary for conversation and community.
This week's host is Debbie Acker.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Joan Colborn, Stan Brunn, Greg Harper, Cindy and Allen Gayheart, Kenny Leatherman, Carolyn Hale, Martin Hendrix's mother, Kenny Way, Kaye Morgan's son-in-law, Helen Richardson's grandmother, Elisabeth Richardson.

PARTICIPANTS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Matt Falco, Tammy Lane, Ted Gentry, and the Chancel Choir

ACOLYTE: Lily Bryant

USHERS: Tracy Bruno, Debbie Acker, Ann Farrer, and Sharron Townsend

VIDEO AND SOUND CREW: Rich Copley, Jim Lumpp, Bill Smith, Jay Vessels, Jonah Falco

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Baptism of the Lord, January 11

First reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Second reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 29

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church. We're so glad you've chosen to be with us today for worship. This bulletin will be a helpful guide to our service, but here is some additional information we hope will help you feel at home. Maxwell Street Presbyterian is a More Light Congregation. More Light Presbyterians are dedicated to allowing the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society. We strive to use inclusive language that reflects the beauty of God's diversity. You are welcome here, and you are loved.

- A Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church App is available from the Apple and Google App Stores. This App will enable you to register your attendance, make an offering online, and more. You can scan the QR code to the left to access the app. You can also sign in via the app.
- You can also go to www.maxpres.org/give to support our ministry.
- Please be aware that today's service is being live-streamed and recorded. Portions of the service, including video and audio, may be shared online. By attending, you acknowledge that your image and/or voice may appear in these recordings.
- LARGE PRINT BIBLES and BULLETINS are available from the ushers.
- Hearing help is available with a personal amplification device from the ushers.
- For your convenience, an elevator is located in the Lobby off the parking lot/playground.
- WIFI - Router Name: Maxwell - ORBI38 Password: maxpres180
- Accessible restrooms are on the main level and basement level. Baby changing stations are available in the basement restrooms or nursery.

Children's Programming on Sundays

Infants & Toddlers are welcome in the Nursery following Children's Moment or anytime during the morning. Come to the Young Children's Area in the basement. Professional caregivers and church volunteers will greet you there.

Pre-K Sunday School Class (for ages 3,4 and 5)

This class is specifically designed (using the Grow, Proclaim, Serve! curriculum) for younger children, keeping them engaged in fun bible-centered lessons. Children will head downstairs following the Children's Moment during worship.

Grades K-5 Sunday School

We also offer a class for older students that are in Grades K-5. Children gather in large groups for the Bible story, music, and movement, then break into age-level small groups to dig deeper and apply the story to their daily lives. Children will head downstairs following the Children's Moment during worship.

Ways To Learn More

Please visit www.maxpres.org for details about our ministries for all ages and interests. We also have an active Facebook page - www.facebook.com/maxpres. If you would like to be added to our Friday email, which has information about what is going on in the church's life, you may do so at: www.maxpres.org. If you have additional questions, Matt will be happy to talk with you at your convenience; call the church office at (859) 255-1074, 9am-4:30pm Monday-Thursday.



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Scan this code with your smartphone or device

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18

8:45am - Confirmation Breakfast
9:30am - Adult Sunday School
9:30am - Third Space Sunday
10:30am - Worship
10:45am - Children's Sunday School
11:45am - Youth Group
11:45am - Children's Choir
11:45am - GeNext

Monday, January 19

Church Office Closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 21

10:30am - Kerygma Class
6:30pm - Chancel Choir
7:00pm - UKIRK Campus Group

Thursday, January 22

5:30pm - Thursday Night Meal

Saturday, January 24

12:00pm - Stitchmates

Sunday, January 25

9:30am - Adult Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
10:45am - Children's Sunday School
11:45am - Youth Group
11:45am - Children's Choir
6:00pm - N.A.D.Y.A.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Salvation Across the Ages

Sundays, 9:30am in Library

Rev. Douglas Ensminger leads this AI-aided class exploring classic and contemporary perspectives on salvation. Participants will engage theologians across history and reflect on what salvation means in their own lives. Schedule: 1/18 Aquinas, 1/25 Luther & Calvin, 2/1 Johnson & Gutiérrez, 2/8 You.

KERYGMA CLASS

Wednesdays, 10:30am in Library

This class explores From Judgment to Hope by Walter Brueggemann. Together we'll study the prophets as imaginative voices who envisioned alternative futures grounded in justice and hope. Contact Matt for more info.

N.A.D.Y.A.

Sunday, January 25, 6-7:30pm

N.A.D.Y.A. is returning in January and will meet from 6-7:30pm at Jason & Andrea's home to discuss, "Humanish: What Talking to Your Cat of Naming Your Car Reveals about the Uniquely Human Need to Humanize". Contact Jason at jasonmckinleywilliams@gmail.com if you have questions.

STITCHMATES

2nd and 4th Saturdays at noon

We meet twice a month in the Church Library. Bring the projects you are working on and enjoy this time of fellowship! Questions? Contact Elise (elisekalika56@gmail.com).

WOMEN'S RETREAT

August 14-16, 2026

Travel to Montreat, NC for Women's Connection 2026 for a weekend of connection and conversation. Registration ranges between \$385-\$535, scholarships are available. Don't let cost prevent you from joining us! Contact Michelle (michelle.jones@maxpres.org) for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

GENEXT

Sunday, January 18 after worship

GeNext is a program designed to give 4th & 5th graders a place to connect with one another. Contact Michelle Jones for more info. (michelle.jones@maxpres.org)

YOUTH

YOUTH SKI TRIP

Saturday, January 31 | 8:30am

The youth group hits the slopes at Perfect North on Saturday, January 31st. We will leave the church around 8:30AM and leave Perfect North to return home at 7:30PM. The cost per skier is \$40 plus about \$15-20 for lunch, but scholarships are available. Deadline to sign up with the QR Code is January 25th.



THAT'S AMORE! - YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Sunday, February 22

The Maxwell Street Youth Group wants to show their love for Maxwell by hosting an Italian dinner. Proceeds support the Youth Summer Mission Trips. There will also be a silent auction. Please see a member of the youth group for tickets or use this QR Code.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2026

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT

July 5-11

Cost: \$350 (Scholarships Available)

Each summer, ASP serves 20-30 communities across Central Appalachia. This year we'll be in eastern Kentucky, providing home repairs while offering our youth a meaningful cultural and transformational experience. **A \$100 deposit is due February 1**, with the remaining balance due June 1. Scholarships are available, contact Rob for details. Sign up with the QR Code.



MISSION

CALL FOR DONATIONS

The Mission Committee is asking for donations of new or lightly used shoes for adults including practical boots, tennis shoes, work boots, hiking boots, etc. for our neighbors at Thursday Night Meals and the Clothing Drive. Additionally, donations of heavy socks, hats, and gloves, are welcome!

The social work department is also asking for toilet paper. See their Amazon Wishlist for more: <https://bit.ly/4sZRYZV>