



SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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This week's cover image is entitled "Trim your Sail and Set your Sight; Chart your course towards his light" by artist, Edie Mae Harrel, 1986.

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 - *Grand Jeu, Jea* Adam Gulien (1680-1730)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:
**to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.**
"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
Let us worship God together.

+ HYMN 463 - *How Firm a Foundation*

+ CONFESSION & PARDON

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Hear us now as we offer up our silent confessions...

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, that these words might speak to us as your word, and our lives bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 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 - *God of Grace and God of Laughter*, Roy Hopp, Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 4:12-23 NT pg 92

SERMON - Rev. Matt Falco

STATEMENT OF FAITH - From The Iona Community's *Statement of Affirmation and Commitment*

Leader: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

ALL: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the church: To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

+ **HYMN 69** - *Here I Am Lord*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

1 Cor. 12:4–7, 27

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEW CLASS OF ELDERS AND DEACONS (Hebrews 12:1-4)

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

OFFERING

• OFFERTORY - *From the Nets of Our Labors*

• 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 543** - *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

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 - *How Firm a Foundation*, Claude Murphee

Join us in the Punch Parlor after worship at the rear of sanctuary for conversation and community.

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, Emma Stowe, 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 Lump, Bill Smith, Jay Vessels, Jonah Falco

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Baptism of the Lord, January

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 & basement levels. Baby changing stations are available in the basement restrooms.



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Scan this code with your smartphone or device

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 25

All Sunday events cancelled due to weather.

Wednesday, January 28

10:30am - Kerygma Class
12:30pm - Centering Prayer
6:30pm - Chancel Choir
7:00pm - UKIRK Campus Group
7:30pm - Bell Rehearsal

Thursday, January 29

5:30pm - Thursday Night Meal

Friday, January 31

8:30am - Youth Group Ski Trip

Sunday, February 1

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Salvation Across the Ages

Sundays, 9:30am in Library (POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER)
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: 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 (POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER)

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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Thursday, February 12, 7pm

The Young Adults group will meet on February 12th at Laura's house. You can RSVP, get the address, or ask any other questions to Emma Stowe (ehs1031@gmail.com). MSPC Young Adults are a group of 22-to-40ish-year-olds who gather monthly for fellowship and discussions about faith. All are welcome!

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! Registration deadline by **February 1st**, contact Michelle (michelle.jones@maxpres.org) for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

GENEXT

Sunday, February 1 after worship

GeNext is a program designed to give 4th & 5th graders a place to connect with one another. GeNext will be cooking lunch before completing a special Escape Room here at MSPC. Contact Michelle Jones for more info. (michelle.jones@maxpres.org)

YOUTH

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>

As of January 31st, the parking lot directly across from the church building on Maxwell Street will no longer be available for parking due to impending construction. Church members may park in the lot behind Memorial Coliseum, the lot at the end of Lexington Ave. and High Street, or the UK lot on South Lime at Warren Court.