



# SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** - *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, J. S. Bach

## CALL TO WORSHIP

If your gift is to hear God's Word, **speak it out in faith.**

If your gift is service, **live to serve others.**

If your gift is the heart of a teacher, **teach what is true.**

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

**let leaders work diligently for the people, and**

**let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.**

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be passionate in spirit,

**serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering,**

**constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

Let us worship God.

+ **HYMN 305** - *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!*

## + CALL TO CONFESSION

+ **A PRAYER OF CONFESSION** - by Rev. Teri McDowell Ott

**Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ.**

- ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS: Hymn 581 Gloria Patri

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH GROUP TO SERVE IN ASHEVILLE, NC.

## PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING** - Deuteronomy 30.9-14 OT 185

...and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

“Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

**ANTHEM** - *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*, Robert J. Powell, Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING** - Colossians 1.1-14 NT pg 199

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**SERMON** - “*Very Near*” - Rev. Matt Falco

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** - From the *Belhar Confession*

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

+ **HYMN 301** - *Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

- INVITATION
- OFFERTORY - *Aria*, John Dixon
- 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 702** - *Christ Be Beside Me*

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE - Hymn 372, O For a World (verses 1 and 5)**

**1 O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**5 O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

**POSTLUDE - Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, arr. Don Hustad**

## **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.

- 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](http://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 are available from the ushers.
- LARGE PRINT 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.

**+ Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand in body and/or spirit.**

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. You are welcome here, and you are loved.

## **Children Ministry (things are a little different during the Summer - regular Sunday School will resume in August)**

Infant to 1st grade 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.

Children are welcome in worship during the summer. We will have activities available in the Narthex.

## **WAYS TO LEARN MORE**

Please visit [www.maxpres.org](http://www.maxpres.org) for details about our ministries for all ages and interests. We also have an active Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/maxpres](https://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](http://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.

## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

Mary Waxham, John Cantrell, Greg Kubar, Greg Harper, Dan Goulson, Hugh Huffman, Jim Mahan, Ron & Georgia Bacquet's son-in-law, Josh England's mother and aunt, Helen Richardson's grandmother

We extend our condolences to Alice Auvenshine, Jennifer & John Salsman and family as they mourn the loss of Dwight Auvenshine. Surrounded by family, Dwight passed away on July 3. Dwight served as an Elder and Stehen Minister at Maxwell Street.

Punch is served in the West Parlor by Jim Olive. All are welcome.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Worship Leaders: Rev. Matt Falco, Jim Gardner, Ted Gentry, and Chancel Choir

USHERS: Katie Whaley, Heidi Robbins Hall, Martin Hendrix, Susan Liddle

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

## **Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, July 13, 2025**

First reading: Deuteronomy 30.9-14

Psalm 25.1-10

Second reading: Colossians 1.1-14

Gospel: Luke 10.25-37



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Tuesday, July 15**

12:30pm - Centering Prayer

### **Wednesday, July 16**

7:00pm - Social Justice Committee

### **Thursday, July 17**

5:30pm - Neighborhood Meal

### **Sunday, July 20**

9:30am - Third Space Sunday Fellowship

9:30am - Adult Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

11:30am - Children of Maxwell Event: Pajama Movie

### **THIRD SPACE SUNDAY**

#### **Sunday, July 20**

3rd Space Sunday (aka Donut Sunday) happens on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Gather for coffee, donuts, and conversation with your fellow Maxwell Streeters before worship. See you there!

### **NADYA BOOK GROUP**

#### **Sunday, July 27, 6-7:30pm**

N.A.D.Y.A. Book Group: Hosted by Jason & Andrea Williams, N.A.D.Y.A. Book Group meets once a month to discuss interesting topics through literature. The group alternates between fiction and non-fiction. Our next book has been recommended by a few members and Nadia Bolz-Weber herself! It's This is Happiness by Niall Williams. Enjoy the start of summer and see you then! If you are interested in participating, please contact Jason (jasonmckinleywilliams@gmail.com).

### **GARAGE CLEAN-OUT**

#### **Action Needed by July 31**

The Trustees will be clearing out the church garage beginning August 1. If you have any items stored in the garage — or think you might — please make sure to remove them by Wednesday, July 31. Questions? Contact the church office. Thanks for helping us keep things organized!

### **GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We're looking for volunteers to help care for our new native garden—a beautiful space that needs a little extra love to thrive! Whether you enjoy quiet moments with a watering can, the satisfying work of weeding, or seasonal tasks like raking and mulching, there's a way for everyone to pitch in. Weeding will require a tool to free up the roots. You can bring your own or, if the church office is open, ask at the reception desk to borrow ours. Watering, in particular, is a bit labor-intensive, so you might need to conscript your kid, grandchild, or a friend to help you. Help us nurture native plants, protect pollinators, and create a welcoming space for all. No experience needed—just a willingness to get your hands dirty and learn as you go. Let us know if you'd like to be part of this growing project!

### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

#### **New Wineskins Revitalization Campaign**

Thank you for the overwhelming response to our New Wineskins Capital Campaign!

#### **How do I start submitting my pledge payment?**

If you have pledged to support the campaign, you can begin making those payments by asking Kate Copley (kate@maxpres.org), Business Manager, to make regular withdrawals from a bank account. You can also set up electronic payments through your financial institution. Please indicate on those payments that they are for the New Wineskins Campaign. Alternative payment arrangements can also be arranged through Kate.

### **CREATING COMMUNITY FOR EVERY AGE: VILLAGE INFO SESSIONS**

#### **Hosted by Second Presbyterian Church**

#### **Tuesday, August 12, 6-8 PM**

By 2030, Lexington will have more residents over 60 than under 18. Most older adults want to age at home, but many face challenges doing so safely. A team of local organizations is working to bring Village: neighbor-based networks that support older adults with practical help and community connection to every Lexington zip code. Want to learn more? Join one of our upcoming 3rd District Community Gatherings at Second Presbyterian Church to hear how Villages work, ask questions, take part in health and safety stations, and connect with neighbors.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **Save the Dates**

#### **YOUTH KICKOFF PARTY - AUGUST 17**

Join us on August 17 at Southland Park Pavilion #1 from 3-6pm (Swimming at 3pm, Parents vs. Youth Kickball at 4pm, Dinner at 5pm).

#### **FIRST 2025-26 YOUTH GROUP - SEPTEMBER 8**

We're kicking off the new school year on Rally Sunday, September 8! Whether you've been part of Youth Group for years or it's your first time, you're invited to come hang out, meet new friends, and get excited for all that's coming this year!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

As you know, we don't have children's Sunday school in the summer. However, we want to stay connected with your kids, and we want them to have the chance to build on the relationships they have formed throughout the year. Like last summer, Ms. Michelle will prepare quiet activities catered to each child that they can use when they attend church with their parents. Here are several dates we have planned for the summer:

#### **Sunday, July 20**

Pajama Movie Party after Children's Message

## 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

## Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)  
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)  
Gm C7 B<sup>b</sup> F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)  
Gm C F B<sup>b</sup>

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) *Refrain* (Em) (Bm)  
F B<sup>b</sup> A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:


(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

# Christ Be Beside Me


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C Am Dm G Dm G C



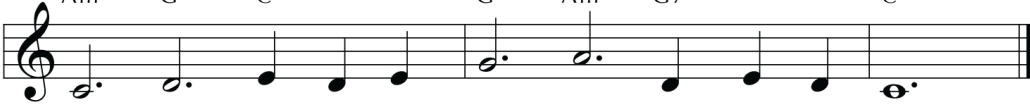
1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -  
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -  
 3 Christ be in all hearts think-ing a - bout me; Christ be on

Em Am Em F G C Am F C



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -  
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my  
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

Am G C G Am G7 C



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.  
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.  
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969  
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985  
 Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

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 5.5.5.4.D