



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
180 E. Maxwell St. Lexington, KY
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All Saints' Day began in the Christian tradition in the 9th century as a way to honor the lives of faithful people—known and unknown—who have gone before us. In the Reformed tradition, we give thanks not only for the saints of history but also for the everyday believers who show God's love in our own time. Today we remember those from our community who have died this past year and pray that we, too, may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

OPENING SENTENCES - Rev. 21:6

Then the Lord said: It is finished!

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega.

INTROIT - Hymn 654, *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Be gracious to us; deliver your people. **Hear us, O God.**

You loved us before the world was made...

...You gave your only Son for the life of the world. **Hear us, O God.**

For us and for our salvation...

...and intercedes for us at the right hand of God. **Great is your love.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit...

...into which we are baptized.

Thanks be to God.

For... (Listing of Names and Lighting of Candles)

Thanks be to God

For all holy men and women.

Bring us with all your saints to the river of life.

Hear us, O God.

RESPONSE - Hymn 654, *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

God of all the faithful, we rejoice...

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE - *Pie Jesu from Requiem*, Gabriel Fauré, Lucy Schapman, soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP

The leaves are changing colors,
children are laughing and playing,
flowers and trees give food to animals.

God, your world shows how good you are!

The teachers who tell us Bible stories,

the friend who asks if we're okay,

the parent who teaches right from wrong,

the neighbor who stops to say hello—

God, your world shows how loving you are!

Let's come together to worship God,

who made everything beautiful and good!

+ HYMN 401 - *Here in this Place*

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good thing. Forgive us for the ways we avoid the story you invite us to step into. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we make ourselves the center of our attention. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

- ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS: Hymn 581, *Gloria Patri*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, NT pg 205 (CEB)

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

OFFERING

- MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP - Lauren Falco
- OFFERTORY - *Behold and See*, Marc'Antonio Ingegneri, Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 19:9-14, NT pg 82

SERMON - *Happy to Welcome Him* - Rev Matt Falco

STATEMENT OF FAITH - Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ HYMN 515 - *I Come with Joy*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

- INVITATION
- PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

- WORDS OF INSTITUTION
- MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: Hymn 654, *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*
- THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation is invited to come forward to tear off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. There is gluten-free bread on the table. If you would prefer to receive Communion in your pew, an elder or deacon will serve you. After consuming the bread and the cup and returning to your seat, turn your mind to what God is inviting you to consider in this moment of stillness.

- PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful— those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ HYMN 730 - *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE - Hymn 541 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" vs. 1 & 3
**1 God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

**3 God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE - *God Be in My Head*, John Rutter, Chancel Choir

(Please refrain from applause after this postlude for All Saints Day)

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 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.
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- 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.

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. Please join us after 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. Please join us after 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.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Greg Harper, Dan Goulson, Hugh Huffman, John Cantrell, Carolyn Hale, Josh England's aunt, Martin Hendrix's mother, Margaret

Punch is served by Zoe Cox in the West Parlor. All are invited.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders: Rev Matt Falco, Bobby Eads, Ted Gentry, Chancel Choir

USHERS: Derrick Meads, Elizabeth Tremoulis, Debbie Acker, and Katherine Bullock

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

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 2, 2025

First reading and Psalm: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 119:137-144

Alternate First reading and Psalm: Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32:1-7

Second reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, November 3

7:00pm – Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 4

12:30pm – Centering Prayer

Wednesday, November 5

10:30am – Kerygma

5:30pm – Budget & Stewardship Meeting

6:30pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm – UKIRK Campus Group

Thursday, November 6

5:30pm – Neighborhood Meal

Saturday, November 8

12:00pm – Stitchmates

Sunday, November 9

9:30am – Special Class: Confronting Demons

9:30am – Adult Sunday School

10:30am – Worship

10:45am – Children's Sunday School

11:30am – Youth Group

11:30am – Children's Choir

11:45am – GeNext Outing

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

Presbyterian Churches have three offices: Teaching Elders (Ministers of Word & Sacrament), Ruling Elders, and Deacons. Elders and Deacons are elected from the congregation, and our Nominating Committee needs your help! Please prayerfully consider who God may be calling to help lead Maxwell Street and submit your nominations.

THANKSGIVING MEAL AND ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 23

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), congregations are to hold an annual meeting to elect ruling elders and deacons, and to approve proposed changes to the terms of call of the pastor. The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held following the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23rd in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to the official business, we'll also learn who this year's recipients of Endowment Grants are.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 23 after meeting

We encourage anyone who wants to help to stay after worship to participate in this time – honored tradition of decorating the church as we begin the Advent season soon.

N.A.D.Y.A. BOOK GROUP

Sunday, November 23 at 6pm

NADYA Book Group's next book is Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Join us on Sunday, November 23 from 6:00-7:30pm at Jason and Andrea's house to discuss this interesting read. Questions, contact jasonmckinleywilliams@gmail.com

ADVENT 2025

Sunday, November 30

"Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ's return. We'll enjoy a Christmas Cantata on December 7 by John Randall Dennis, performed by the Chancel Choir and brass quintet. We will also have our Children's "Joy Around the World" Christmas Pageant on December 14, and our traditional Christmas Eve services at 7:30pm and 11:00pm.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!

Advent Workshop - Sunday, November 30

Christmas Pageant - Sunday, December 14

CAMPUS MINISTRY

UKIRK CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesdays at 7pm | Dinner and fellowship

Faith. Friends. Free food. Join us Wednesdays at 7:00pm for dinner, fellowship, and conversation about life and faith.

MISSION

HELP SUPPORT OUR SOCIAL WORK OFFICE!

Our social work office is in need of a few essential items to better serve our community. We've created an Amazon Wish List to make giving simple. Items you purchase will be sent directly to our office. Thank you for your generosity. **Scan the QR code to see the list.**

THE E7 CHRISTMAS SHOP IS AROUND THE CORNER!

E7 Christmas Shop – Sunday, December 7

Our kiddos are already buzzing with excitement, and we can't wait to make this year's event extra special. Donations are accepted now through December 7, and we'd love your help. To donate or volunteer, contact Ashlee Vogelsang at ashlee@maxpres.com.

Here's what we need:

- **Gifts:** Gently used or new toys, and gifts for men, women, and teens
- **Volunteers:** Help make the magic happen
- **Wrapping Materials:** Gift wrap, bags, tissue paper, tape, and more

CLOTHING DRIVE ITEMS NEEDED

With the arrival of the cooler months, we are hoping to fill the clothing room with plenty of warm items. If you find you have too many taking up space at your place, I would love for it to take the space here at Maxwell Street.

Items needed most:

- Sweatpants
- Long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts
- Bath towels
- Sweaters
- Blankets

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

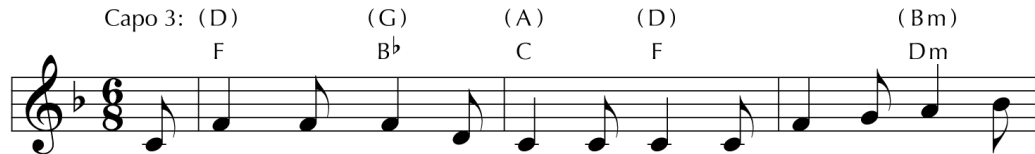


we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

I Come with Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977
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DOVE OF PEACE
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