



# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
180 E. Maxwell St. Lexington, KY  
[www.maxpres.org](http://www.maxpres.org)

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.

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** - *Ein ungefärbt Gemüte* from *Cantata No. 24*, J. S. Bach, Jacob Wilson, trumpet

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**Sing to the glory of God's name.**

All of creation worships, singing praise to God.

**Sing to the glory of God's name.**

Let us give glory to God.

+ **HYMN 610** - *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## + CALL TO CONFESSION

### + A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, we have forgotten you when we needed you most. When we have felt drained, we could have turned to you for comfort and strength. We have been fixated on what people are saying rather than the opportunity to do what you have taught us. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. We ask for your mercy and give thanks for your grace. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

- ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

These are your words, O God. Open our spirits to be ready to receive them. Strengthen us to hear their truth. Unbind us to live their call. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 111 OT, pg 562

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

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

**ANTHEM** - *Lord, in Thee Have I Trusted*, Tomás Luis de Victoria, Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING** - 2 Timothy 2.8-15, NT pg 212

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

**SERMON** - *A Reminder*, Rev. Matt Falco

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** - from a Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

+ **HYMN 720** - *Jesus Calls Us Over the Tumult*

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

**OFFERING**

- INVITATION
- OFFERTORY
- 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 765, *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**POSTLUDE** - *Profile II from Eight Profiles for Trumpet*, Jacob Wilson, trumpet

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



## 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. 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](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 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.

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](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

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

Punch is served in the West Parlor by Katherine Bullock. All are welcome.

## PARTICIPANTS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev Matt Falco, Troy Cooper, Ted Gentry, Jacob Wilson, Chancel Choir

ACOLYTE: Laurel Bullock

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, October 12, 2025

First reading and Psalm: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12

Alternate First reading and Psalm 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111

Second reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Tuesday, October 14

12:30pm - Centering Prayer

7:00pm - Mission Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, October 15

10:30am - Kerygma

6:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm - Social Justice Committee

7:00pm - UKIRK Campus Group

7:30pm - Westminster Bells Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 16

5:30pm - Neighborhood Meal

### Saturday, October 18

1:00pm - Julia Stowell UK Recital

4:00pm - MSPC Block Party

### Sunday, October 19

9:30am - Third Space Sunday Fellowship

9:30am - Adult Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

10:45am - Children's Sunday School

11:30am - Youth Group

11:30am - Children's Choir

11:30am - Children's Library Open House

11:45am - GeNext Outing

### CONFRONTING THE DEMONS

**Begins this Sunday, October 12 at 9am | 6 week class**

Ever think to yourself that our political system could use an exorcism? You're not alone! Bring your crucifix and some Holy Water (just kidding) and join Douglas Ensminger in his battle against the "dark powers" at work in our world today. Come ready to think big, wrestle with demons and challenging questions, and maybe laugh along the way. This six-week class will meet in the Library at 9:30 AM.

### ENDOWMENT GRANT REQUESTS

**Requests due - October 15, 2025**

The Maxwell Street Endowment supports church programs and missions beyond the annual budget. Last year, over \$48,000 was awarded to 12 projects, including youth trips, E7 Kid's Café, and our Early Care Center. Committee chairs and program leaders are invited to submit funding requests by October 15, 2025. Awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting on November 24, 2025. Questions or submissions? Contact Jim Gardner at [jameswilsongardner@gmail.com](mailto:jameswilsongardner@gmail.com).

### MAXWELL STREET ALL-CHURCH FALL RETREAT: THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

**November 14-16, 2025 at Camp Burnamwood**

Join us for a weekend of connection and spiritual renewal! Our annual retreat offers games, hiking, stargazing, food, and reflection at beautiful Camp Burnamwood. Reflect on the Beloved Community—a vision of justice, equity, peace, and love inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. Sign up and join us for rest, and community! [www.maxpres.org/retreat2025](http://www.maxpres.org/retreat2025)

### 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 - [forms.gle/KPgERWeBAaGE14V6A](https://forms.gle/KPgERWeBAaGE14V6A)

### MAXWELL STREET BLOCK PARTY

**Next Saturday October 18, 2025 4-7pm**

Get ready for an evening packed with fun! Bring your family, invite your friends, and join us on Maxwell Street for delicious food, games for all ages, and live music. Don't miss this community celebration—you'll want to be there!

### PIE DAY

**Sunday, November 2, 2025**

It doesn't even have to be a pie! Bring brownies, a cake, muffins, or whatever you love to bake. Our Youth Group is hosting this year's Pie Day fundraiser to raise money for their 2025 Mission Trips. All treats will be \$15!

### STEWARDSHIP 2026

**Begins Sunday, Oct. 19**

This fall, Maxwell Street invites everyone to join the 2026 Stewardship Campaign, "Together with God, We Make Peace Possible." Rooted in Scripture, this theme reminds us that God's peace breaks into chaos, bringing hope and transformation. Through worship, outreach, student ministry, and justice work, Maxwell Street is a safe harbor and source of peace for many. Each week of the campaign will focus on a different dimension of peace—worship, need, discovery, and justice—through Scripture and personal testimonies. **Learn more at:** <https://www.maxpres.org/stewardship>

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### GENEXT - THIS SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

GeNext is a program designed for 4th and 5th graders to give them a place to connect and prepare for Youth Group. Join Michelle after worship for some fun today!

### OPEN HOUSE AT THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

**Sunday, October 19**

Join us for an Open House at the Children's and Youth Library on Sunday, October 19, right after church in the basement! Enjoy punch, browse books for babies to young adults, check out titles, or play games and puzzles. Fun for all ages! Visit after church on Sundays for assistance or during office hours (call ahead). See you on October 19!

## MISSION

### LONG JOHN SUNDAY

**Sunday, Oct 26**

We always need Long Johns for our Social Work office sooner rather than later. We hope you'll bring Long Johns to donate on October 26 for our Long Johns Sunday, but if you have some to donate sooner, we'd be happy to take them. They are distributed by Ashlee in our Social Work Office and on Thursday nights during the meals.

### THE E7 CHRISTMAS SHOP IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Our kiddos are already buzzing with excitement, and we can't wait to make this year's event extra special! We are now accepting donations from now until Dec 7.

We're looking for:

**Gently used or new toys**

**Men's and women's gifts (things suitable for teens or parents)**

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;

Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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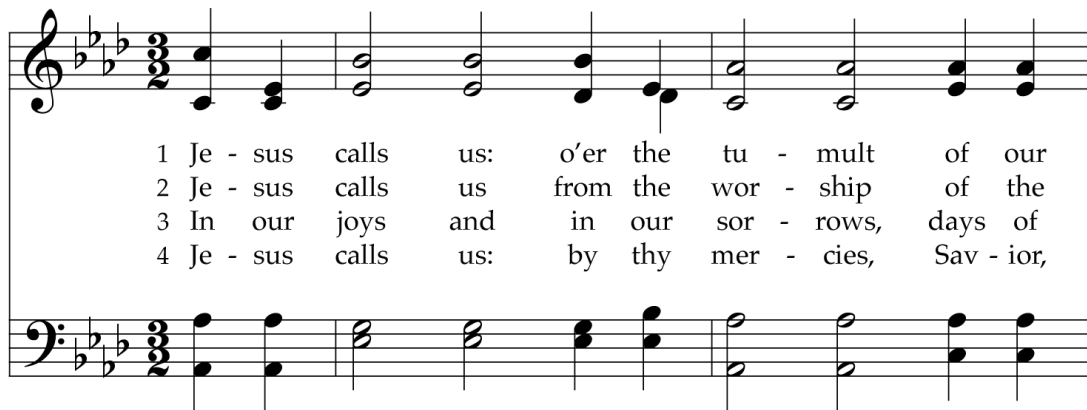
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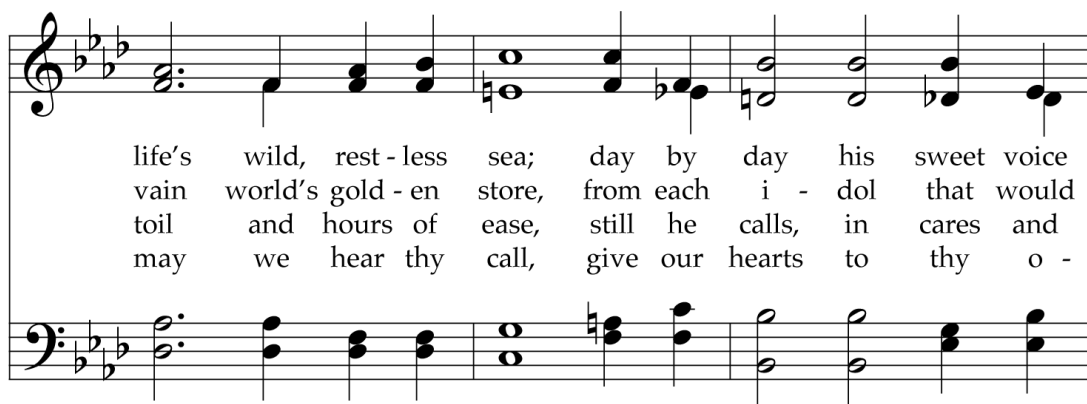


## Jesus Calls Us

720



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주



Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주