



PURSUCE WHAT MAKES FOR PEACE.

ROMANS 14:19

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
180 E. Maxwell St. Lexington, KY
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 - *Fugue on "Exultet,"* Jean-Francois Dandrieu (1682-1738)

CALL TO WORSHIP -Adapted from Psalm 139

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

+ **HYMN 310** - *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

+ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

+ **A PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. 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

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 17:5-1, pg 80

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

OFFERING

- INVITATION
- OFFERTORY - *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*, arr. Tom Shelton, Chancel Choir, Lydia Rufin solo, and Jon McIntyre, saxophone

SCRIPTURE READING - 2 Timothy 1:1-1, pg 211

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

SERMON - "Faith that Lives"- 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 537 - *When at This Table*

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
- 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

Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome, and for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of blessing. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for those who hunger for your good news. Amen.

+ HYMN 733 - *We All Are One in Mission*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE - Hymn 539, *We Will Go Out with Joy*

LEADER: We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

ALL: We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

Refrain: Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

LEADER: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.

ALL: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy. (Refrain)

POSTLUDE - *Fantasia on Old Hundredth*, Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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 in the West Parlor. All are invited.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders: Rev. Matt Falco, Rowena Johnson, Ted Gentry, Lydia Rufin, Jon McIntyre, 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, October 5, 2025

Alternate First reading and Psalm: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9

Second reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, October 6

5:30pm - Trustees Meeting
7:00pm - Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 7

12:30pm - Centering Prayer

Wednesday, October 8

10:30am - Kerygma
5:30pm - Budget & Stewardship Meeting
6:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm - UKIRK Campus Group
7:30pm - Westminster Bells Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9

5:30pm - Neighborhood Meal
7pm - Young Adult Group

Saturday, October 11

12:00pm - Stitchmates

Sunday, October 12

9:30am - Adult Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
10:45am - Children's Sunday School
11:30am - Youth Group
11:30am - Children's Choir
3:00pm - Crop Walk

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

BELL RINGERS NEEDED

Westminster Bells is in need of a few more ringers. We rehearse most Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30. Rudimentary music reading ability is the only qualification. No handbell experience is necessary. Contact Ted - ted@maxpres.org with any questions.

MAXWELL STREET YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Thursday, October 9 at 7pm

Our 22- 49-year-oldish (we don't card and our leader is not nearly that young) young adults — both single and married — love connecting and deepening their faith together. You'll often find them sharing meals at local spots, pitching in with mission projects, and helping lead church programs. Join us this month at the Kalika home. Contact Matt for location - matt@maxpres.org

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

MAXWELL STREET BLOCK PARTY

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!

CROP WALK



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 3PM

Join the 2025 CROP Walk on Sunday, October 12 at 3pm, starting at Second Presbyterian. This annual event supports local hunger missions through God's Pantry Food Bank. Walk with us or donate to the church for the CROP Walk. Contact Rob - rob@maxpres.org

YOUTH

YOUTH PARKING FUNDRAISER

We need volunteers!



Would you like to help the youth group raise funds for their mission trips? Volunteering to accept donations during UK events at Memorial Coliseum only takes an hour and is a great opportunity to support the youth group. To sign up, visit the link at this QR code or contact Rob Wethington at 859.457.2180 or Rob@MaxPres.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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!

UKIRK COLLEGE 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. Don't miss our University Community Brunch after worship on September 7. Come connect, grow, and be part of something bigger!

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.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
 2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
 3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
 4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
 5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
 dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
 to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
 her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
 the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

TEXT: Timothy Dwight, 1800

MUSIC: *The Universal Psalmist*, 1763; adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770

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When at This Table

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Capo 1: (D) E^b (Bm) Cm (Em) Fm (G) A^b (A) B^b



1 When at this ta - ble I re - ceive a bless - ing,
 2 If at this ta - ble I have need of heal - ing,
 3 If at this ta - ble I for - get the hun - gry,
 4 If at this ta - ble I make ded - i - ca - tion
 5 What faith I have, I bring to join this ta - ble,

(F[#]m) Gm (Bm) Cm (G) A^b (A) B^b



the bro - ken bread, the wine of life for me,
 un - bid - den grief, re - la - tion - ship gone wrong,
 the dis - pos - sessed and war - fare's spread - ing stain,
 to give my life in serv - ing what is good,
 what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;

(C) D^b (G) A^b (Am7) (D) B^bm7 E^b (G) A^b



then let me share the peace with you, my neigh - bor,
 then let me know the hands of God en - fold - ing,
 then let this bread be - come the bread of judg - ment,
 then let my cen - ter be where God in - vites me,
 with broth - ers, sis - ters, I will share the bless - ing,

(A7) B^b7 (D) E^b (Bm) Cm (Gmaj7) (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



and let the Spir - it set our spir - its free.
 and let la - ment be - come be - liev - ing song.
 this wine the sharp a - ware - ness of that pain.
 and show the words of Je - sus un - der - stood.
 the feast where God is mak - ing all things new.

Though cast in an individual's voice, this prayerful text shows a strong communal awareness of the people gathered around the Lord's Table, their personal burdens, and matters of both local and global concern. The final two stanzas reflect renewed spiritual strength and resolve.

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.