



SUNDAY, APRIL 19

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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This week's bulletin art is a painting titled "The Supper at Emmaus" by Scottish painter Robert MacBryde (1913-1966). 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 692 - *Spirit, Open My Heart (sing twice)*

**Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - *Prelude in C Minor, BWV 546, J. S. Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 16*

I love the Lord!
**Because God has heard me
and not ignored my cry.**
God has saved my life repeatedly!
So my life belongs to God.
I am God's child,
happy to sing of God's work in me.

+ HYMN 276 - *Sing a New Song Unto the Lord*

+ CONFESSION & PARDON

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

- ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

- RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS: Hymn 588 *Alleluia!*

Alleluia, Alleluia! **Alleluia, Alleluia!** (*repeats 4 times*)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts—a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Acts 14.1a, 36-41 NT pg 133 (NRSVUE)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them... "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

ANTHEM - *So Art Thou to Me*, K. Lee Scott, Chancel Choir, Lauren Falco, solo

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 24.13-35 NT pg 76 (NRSVUE)

SERMON - "Stay With Us" - Rev. Matt Falco

+ **STATEMENT OF FAITH** - From *The Westminster Large Catechism*

Q. 165. What is Baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life: and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.

Q. 167. How is our Baptism to be improved by us?

A. The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others, by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; [...] and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ, and to walk in [communal] love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.

+ **HYMN 490** - *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION (See Insert with images and bios)

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

BAPTISMS - Daniel Bruno and Quinn Linscott

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Daniel and Quinn by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? **We will.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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.

BAPTISM

CONFIRMATION - Daniel Bruno, Juni Bullock, Liam O'Carra, Quinn Linscott, and Theo Meads
May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you
in the worship and mission of the church. **Amen. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

• OFFERTORY - *A Simple Song, from Mass, Leonard Bernstein*, Kristen Tidwell, soprano

+ • 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 295** - *Go to the World!*

+ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - Hymn 80, *You Shall Go Out With Joy (The Trees of the Field)*

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.**

POSTLUDE - *Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546, J. S. Bach*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Doug & Elise Kalika in celebration of their anniversary.
Join us in the Punch Parlor after worship at the rear of sanctuary for conversation and community.
Punch will be provided by Susan Liddle & Mark Summers*

JOYS & CONCERNS

John Cantrell, Nancie Field, Joan Colborn, Greg Harper, Kenny Leatherman, Carolyn Hale, Martin Hendrix's mother;
Kenny Way, Kaye Morgan's son-in-law, Jim Beal, Georgia Bacquet's brother, Susan Neill.

PARTICIPANTS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Matt Falco, Elizabeth Varney, Ted Gentry, and the Chancel Choir

ACOLYTE: Laurel

USHERS: Tracy Bruno, Matt McMahan, Heidi Robbins Hall, Elizabeth Tremoulis

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

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for April 19, 2026

First Reading: Acts 2.14a, 36-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 117-23

Psalm: Psalm 116.1-4, 12.19

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

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.

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

BOLD TEXT indicates that you are invited to join the congregation in unison.

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, April 19

Confirmation Sunday

9:30am - Adult Sunday School
9:30am - Third Space Sunday
10:30am - Church Service
10:45am - Children's Sunday School
11:30am - Children's Choir
11:30am - GeNext
11:30am - Youth Group
11:30am - New Member Class, Johnston Parlor

Monday, April 20

5:30pm - Worship Committee
7:00pm - Deacons

Wednesday, April 22

6:30pm - Chancel Choir
7:00pm - UKirk
7:30pm - Social Justice

Thursday, April 23

5:30pm - Thursday Night Meal

Saturday, April 25

12:00pm - Stitchmates

Sunday, April 26

9:30am - Adult Sunday School
10:30am - Church Service
10:45am - Children's Sunday School
11:30am - Children's Choir
11:30am - Youth Group

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

New Member Class

Sunday, April 19, 11:30am

Join Matt in the Johnston Parlor at the back of the sanctuary following worship on April 19th for a 30-minute introduction to Maxwell Street. Learn about the church and membership, and ask any questions you might have. Questions? Email Matt- matt@maxpres.org

FELLOWSHIP

Stitchmates

Saturday, April 25, 12:00pm

We meet twice a month in the Church Library to work on our current fiber arts projects, Bring your project and enjoy this time of fellowship! Any type of fiber craft is welcome (crochet, knitting, hand sewing, quilting, embroidery, needlework, etc.) Questions? Contact Elise (elisekalika56@gmail.com).

MISSION

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

During the month of April, we are gathering non-perishable food items to distribute between Big Blue Pantry and Nathaniel Mission. You can drop off any items at the office during regular hours or leave them in front of Ashlee's door at the Social Work office.

LEXPRIDE

Saturday, May 30, 12:00-8:00pm

It is time to start signing up to volunteer at our PRIDE table this year! We have a couple of options for volunteering including loading our supplies up at MSPC, unloading our supplies at PRIDE, volunteering to bring cut flowers from your garden to be given away at PRIDE, tabling at the event to hand out cut flowers, wildflower seeds, and popsicles, and cleaning up/returning our supplies to church. Please follow this link to start signing up! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Helen Richardson at richelenson@gmail.com.



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Do you have a graduating senior in your family? We'd love to celebrate them! Please submit a photo and a brief paragraph including their name, where they are graduating from, and their plans after graduation. **Send submissions to hannah@maxpres.org by April 22nd!**

• 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.

• 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.



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