



SUNDAY, APRIL 5

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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This week's bulletin art is a silk screen print by American artist, Florence V. Cannon titled "The Easter Lily", 1945.

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

He is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

PRELUDE - *Voluntary on Easter Hymn*, Hart Morris, Westminster Bells

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The life of Christ is the light of all people.

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.

I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here, for he has been raised. Alleluia!

+ **HYMN 245** - *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*

+ CONFESSION & PARDON

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. 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

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia! (repeats)

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Jeremiah 31.1-6 OT pg 733 (NRSVUE)

OFFERING

+ • OFFERTORY - *An Easter Celebration*, Craig Courtney, Chanel Choir

CHOIR

O sons and daughters of the King, whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing. Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia! Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where Thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won!

CONGREGATION (please stand and join the choir)

Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 28.1-10 NT pg 33 (NRSVUE)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SERMON - "He Is Going Ahead of You" - Rev. Matt Falco

+ **STATEMENT OF FAITH** - From *Hymnal* pg 34 - *The Nicene Creed*

+ **HYMN 248** - *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS & DEBTORS)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation is invited to come forward to take 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM - *The Power of the Cross*, arr. Hayes, Chancel Choir, Loren Tice, piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Here at this table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. And as much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back to our work — only it is no longer the same work because we know you are with us and in us, shaping and transforming us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.

+ **HYMN 826** - *Lift High the Cross*

+ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *Hallelujah Chorus, Handel's Messiah*

JOYS & CONCERNS

Warren Waxham, John Cantrell, Nancie Field, Joan Colborn, Greg Harper, Kenny Leatherman, Carolyn Hale, Martin Hendrix's mother; Kenny Way, Kaye Morgan's son-in-law

Congratulations to Laura Zollman and Matt Gomez on their engagement.

Congratulations to Claire Cason and Kyle Gossett who were married at Maxwell Street last Saturday.

PARTICIPANTS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Matt Falco, Marty Keith, Ted Gentry, Chancel Choir

GUEST MUSICIANS: Julia Stowell and Jacob Wilson, trumpet; Will Hatten and Tamara Gipson, trombone

ACOLYTE: AJ Schwake

USHERS: Katie Whaley, Katherine Bullock, Lauren Feltner, Anna Wethington

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

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for April 5, 2026

First reading: Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6

Psalm: 118.1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4

Gospel: John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10

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.

• 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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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 5
Easter Sunday

8:00am - Sunrise Easter Service
10:30am - Easter Communion Service

Monday, April 6
Easter Monday

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 8

10:30am - Kerygma
5:30pm - Budget & Stewardship Meeting
7:00pm - UKirk Campus Group

Thursday, April 9

5:30pm - Thursday Night Meal
7:00pm - MSPC Young Adults

Saturday, April 11

12:00pm - Stitchmates

Sunday, April 12

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Kerygma

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Kerygma is reading and discussing "Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America," an updated book by Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg. Previously called "Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt," this update provides a Presbyterian perspective on topics such as same-gender relationships, the role racism has played in the history of the church, and Christian Nationalism. Join us at 10:30 am on Wednesdays in the church library.

MSPC Young Adults

Thursday, April 9, 7pm

The Maxwell Street Young Adults will be meeting for fellowship and discussions of faith. They will meet at Heidi and Noah's home. Please contact Heidi (heidierobbins@gmail.com) for the address and more information.

FELLOWSHIP

Stitchmates

Saturday, April 11, noon

We meet twice a month in the Church Library to work on our current fiber arts projects. Bring the projects you are working on and enjoy this time of fellowship! All types of

fiber craft are welcome (crochet, knitting, hand sewing, quilting, embroidery, needlepoint, etc.) Questions? Contact Elise (elisekalika56@gmail.com).

GENEXT

April GeNext

Sunday, April 19th, 11:30am

The GeNext kids will be going on an adventure to lunch and Gattin Park. GeNext is a program for 4th & 5th graders to connect with one another. Contact Michelle Jones for more info. (michelle.jones@maxpres.org)

YOUTH

Youth Sunday
Sunday, May 3

Join us as we celebrate Youth Sunday! We will have a special service led by Maxwell Street Youth and will recognize the hard work done by our students this year.

MISSION

Random Acts of Kindness

During the month of April, we are gathering non-perishable food items to distribute to Big Blue Pantry and Nathaniel Mission. Nathaniel Mission is an incredible mission-driven organization that frequently collaborates with Maxwell to ensure our neighbors receive the necessary hygienic and financial support. 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This Easter Special Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. You can donate toward this offering at the link in this QRC.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Earth Month

As our liturgical seasons turn from contemplating our beginnings and endings in the dust of the earth to celebrating the resurrection and new life in Christ, it feels apt that our focus is on the importance and divinity of God's creation, which demonstrate promises of new growth, new life and hope, and transformation within the living creatures of the world.