



# SUNDAY, MARCH 22

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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In celebration of Women's History Month, this week's bulletin art is by artist Violet Oakley, "Great Women". This frieze was painted for the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia in 1945 and depicts a feminist view of impactful biblical women.

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 411 - *God Is Here Today (sing twice)*

**God is here today;  
as certain as the air I breathe,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.**

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** - *Morning Has Broken*, Bunessan

## CALL TO WORSHIP

O people of God, hope in the Lord!  
**For with God there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.**  
Wait for the Lord.  
**Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.**

+ **HYMN 286** - *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

## + CONFESSION & PARDON

**God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not, and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...**

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

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

**Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING - Romans 8.6-11 NT pg 157 (NRSVUE)

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

**ANTHEM** - *Brother James' Air*, Gordon Jacob, Chancel Choir

## SCRIPTURE READING - Ezekiel 37.1-14 OT pg 806 (NRSVUE)

**SERMON** - "When I Open Your Graves" - Rev. Matt Falco

+ **STATEMENT OF FAITH** - From *The Brief Statement of Faith (PC(USA) 1983) Lines 52-57 and 65-71*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church... In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

+ **HYMN 797** - *We Cannot Measure How You Heal (Inspired by Psalm 130)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

• OFFERTORY - *Precious Lord*, arr. Bish

+ • 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 79** - *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

### + CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - Hymn 702, *Christ Be Beside Me*

**1 Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me, never to part.**

**2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.**

**POSTLUDE** - *Bouree*, J. S. Bach, Daniel Bruno

*Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by the Waxhams.*

*Join us in the Punch Parlor after worship at the rear of sanctuary for conversation and community.  
Punch this week is served by the Wethington Family.*

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

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

## PARTICIPANTS

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

ACOLYTE: Lily Murphy

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

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

## Revised Common Lectionary Readings for March 22, 2026

First reading: Ezekial 37.1-14

Second reading: Romans 8.6-11

Psalm 130

Gospel: John 11.1-45

## 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.
- 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.



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## Children's Programming on Sundays

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. Children will head downstairs following 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. Children will head downstairs following 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](http://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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, March 22**

9:15am - Confirmation  
9:30am - Adult Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
10:45am - Children's Sunday School  
11:45am - Youth Group  
11:45am - Children's Choir  
6:00pm - NADYA

### **Wednesday, March 25**

10:30am - Kerygma Class  
6:30pm - Chancel Choir  
7:00pm - UKirk  
7:30pm - Social Justice Committee

### **Thursday, March 26**

5:30pm - Thursday Night Meal

### **Sunday, March 29**

9:15am - Confirmation  
9:30am - Adult Sunday School  
10:30am - Palm Sunday Service  
10:45am - Children's Sunday School  
11:45am - Palm Sunday Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### **KERYGMA CLASS**

#### **Wednesdays, 10:30am in Library**

Kerygma is reading & 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. Contact Matt for more info.

### **N.A.D.Y.A.**

#### **Sunday, March 22, 6-7:30pm**

N.A.D.Y.A. will meet at Jason & Andrea's home to discuss, "North Woods". Contact Jason (jasonmckinleywilliams@gmail.com) with questions.

### **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

#### **Sunday, April 19, 11:45am**

Are you interested in learning about becoming a member of Maxwell Street? Stick around after worship on April 19th to chat with Matt and members of our Welcome Committee to learn about what it means to be a member and get to know your fellow Maxwell Streeters. 11:45 AM - Johnston Parlor

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **GENEXT**

#### **Sunday, April 19th after worship**

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 Group will meet this Sunday after service to stuff eggs for our Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt. There will be no Youth Group on Palm Sunday (March 29th).

## **MISSION**

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Throughout the Lenten Season, we are participating in the 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 Easter Special Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

## FELLOWSHIP

### **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH & EASTER EGG HUNT**

#### **Sunday, March 29, after worship**

Join us for a festive brunch and Easter Egg hunt following Palm Sunday worship service. Brunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall with the egg hunt afterwards on the playground.

### **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

#### **Sunday, April 5, 8:00am**

Start your day at Lexington Cemetery Mausoleum for a grounding outdoor service within the Cemetery's gardens.

#### **Sunday, April 5, 10:30am**

Traditional Easter worship at Maxwell Street with a communion service.

## **NEWS FROM TRANSYLVANIA PRESBYTERY**

On Tuesday, Transylvania Presbytery issued a call to all its congregations to pray for peace in the Middle East and for the safety of all in that region. Let us lift up our hearts in prayer. A fundraising campaign for Camp Burnamwood is underway. \$80,000 has already been raised. Gifts totaling up to \$100,000 will be matched by the Presbytery. Updates are already underway, including the addition of air conditioning to the dining hall. Finally, the General Assembly will gather this summer in Milwaukee, WI. Assembly dates: June 22 - July 2.