



## SUNDAY, MARCH 8

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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This week's bulletin art is a print by artist, Sister Corita Kent, a Sister of the Immaculate Heart in California. She was known for work centering Christianity and social justice. "Be of Love (a little) More Careful Than of Everything (four works)", 1967. 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** - *How Can I Keep from Singing*, Lani Smith, Dr. Kate Covington, organ  
*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord we are thirsty

**Come to the well**

Our souls are weary

**Come to the well**

Bruised and battered

**Come to the well**

Tired and discouraged

**Come to the well**

Misunderstood

**Come to the well**

Judged and found wanting

**Come to the well**

Wounded and withdrawn

**Come to the well**

Ready to quit

**Come to the well**

Come to the well

**where there is water that is**

**thirst quenching**

**wound healing**

**soul soothing**

**life giving**

Come to the well.

**Come to the well.**

+ **HYMN 386** - *Come, Worship God (Psalm 95)*

### + CONFESSION & PARDON

**God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean in to what you would teach us about how we are to be. 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 - Exodus 17.1-7 OT pg 64 (NRSVUE)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**ANTHEM** - *I Sought the Lord*, Michael Phillips, Chancel Choir, Lydia Rufin, director

**SCRIPTURE READING** - John 4.5-42 NT pg 94

**SERMON** - "Living Water" - Rev. Matt Falco

+ **STATEMENT OF FAITH** - From *Confession of 1967* - 9.45b

**God's reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all powers of government are called to serve and defend. The church, in its own life, is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace. This search requires that the nations pursue fresh and responsible relations across every line of conflict, even at risk to national security, to reduce areas of strife and to broaden international understanding. Reconciliation among nations becomes peculiarly urgent as countries develop nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, diverting human power and resources from constructive uses and risking the annihilation of humankind. Although nations may serve God's purposes in history, the church which identifies the sovereignty of any one nation or any one way of life with the cause of God denies the Lordship of Christ and betrays its calling.**

+ **HYMN 494** - *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* (verses 1, 3, 4, & 5)

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

##### OFFERING

• OFFERTORY - *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*, J. S. Bach, Chancel Choir, Lydia Rufin, director

+ • 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 65** - *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

##### + 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** - *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*, Michael D. Costello, Dr. Kate Covington, organ

*Join us in the Punch Parlor after worship at the rear of sanctuary for conversation and community.  
Punch this week is served by Pam & Joe Boldt in celebration of Sammy Jo's 5th birthday.*

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## **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.

## **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

## **PARTICIPANTS**

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Matt Falco, Juni Bullock, Dr. Kate Covington, Lydia Rufin, Chancel Choir

ACOLYTE: Clara Cooper

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 March 8, 2026**

First reading: Exodus 17.1-7

Second reading: Romans 5.1-11

Psalm 95

Gospel: John 4.5-42

## **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 8**

9:15am - Confirmation  
9:30am - Adult Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
10:45am - Children's Sunday School  
11:45am - A Mission for Blevin's House  
11:45am - Youth Group  
11:45am - Children's Choir

### **Tuesday, March 10**

12:30pm - Centering Prayer

### **Wednesday, March 11**

10:30am - Kerygma Class  
6:30pm - Chancel Choir  
7:00pm - UKIRK Campus Group

### **Thursday, March 12**

5:30pm - Thursday Night Meal

### **Saturday, March 14**

12:00pm - StitchMates

### **Sunday, March 15**

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

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### **KERYGMA CLASS**

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

This class explores From Judgment to Hope by Walter Brueggemann. Together we'll study the prophets as imaginative voices who envisioned alternative futures grounded in justice and hope. Contact Matt for 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.

### **STITCHMATES**

#### **2nd and 4th Saturdays at noon**

We meet twice a month in the Church Library. Bring the projects you are working on and enjoy this time of fellowship! Questions? Contact Elise (elisekalika56@gmail.com).

### **MAXWELL IN MOTION**

Does your committee or small group have an announcement or piece of news that you would like included in the next Maxwell in Motion? Please send them to Hannah (hannah@maxpres.org) by March 20th to be included in the April MIM.

## 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

### **PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Youth Group is requesting donations of individually wrapped candy to stuff easter eggs with for our annual easter egg hunt. Please no candy with nuts/tree nuts. Bring to service or leave in the church office at any time.

## MISSION

### **RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS**

Let's assist our neighbors in maintaining clean environments by providing cleaning supplies, dish soap, all-purpose cleaner, and floor cleaner. Additionally, we are collecting toilet paper and cleaning sponges. You are welcome to bring it to the office or you can drop it off before church on Sunday.

### **A MISSION FOR BLEVINS HOUSE**

#### **Sunday, March 8, following worship**

The second floor of the Blevins House has been underutilized in the past few years. It's time to discern what God is calling us to do next with this space. Join Matt for a conversation following worship on March 8th in the Fellowship Hall to discuss what God might be calling us to do next!

## FELLOWSHIP

### **PUNCH & FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED**

Sponsors are still needed for sanctuary flower dedication. You can sign up in the Punch Parlor or contact Kate (kate@maxpres.org). Flowers are \$50. We are also in need of Punch Hosts. Please sign up in the Punch Parlor.

### **MASON HAWKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

In memory of Mason Hawkins, a scholarship fund has been created to benefit other WKU students. Help us honor Mason's life by supporting this special fund found at this QRC. There is also an upcoming golf tournament on May 15th to raise funds for the scholarship.

