

ENTER INTO THE JOY

STEWARDSHIP 2027

Faithful with what we have,
joyful in what we share.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
180 E. Maxwell St. Lexington, KY
www.maxpres.org

INTROIT 305 - "Come Sing, O Church, In Joy"

1 **Come sing, O church, in joy!**
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long! (*Refrain*)

3 **Let courage be our friend;**
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! (*Refrain*)

Refrain: **In bold accord,**
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - *Pastorale*, Ovid Young (1940-2014)

CALL TO WORSHIP - *from Psalm 78*

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might and the wonders that he has done.
Let us worship God together.

+ HYMN 612 - "We Praise You, O God"

+ CONFESSION & PARDON

God of grace, we have sinned against you by failing to honor you or to love one another. We fail to share what you have provided. We have lost our hope. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we will be prepared to welcome the Lord when he appears. May our lives here and now be a glimpse of what we hope all may one day enjoy. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

- ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS: 581- Gloria Patri

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS
Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Amos 5:18-24 OT pg 854 (NRSVUE)
Leader: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us
ALL: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

ANTHEM - *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*, David Ashley White, Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 25.14-30 NT pg 28 (NRSVUE)
His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

SERMON - "Enter Into the Joy of Your Master"

+ STATEMENT OF FAITH - (PC(USA) Confession of 1967 Inclusive Version 9.54)
Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

+ HYMN 697 - "Take My Life and Let It Be"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS & DEBTORS)

OFFERING
- MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP - Debbie Acker
- OFFERTORY - *Bist du bei mir*, BWV 508, J. S. Bach, Gabe Brown, trombone

+ • 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
One: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.
All: **You have entrusted us with gifts— time, talent, energy, money — and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**
One: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.
All: **We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.**
One: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.
All: **Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES 2027
At this time, we invite you to come forward and place your 2027 pledge in the basket on the table. We are grateful for your generosity and commitment to the life of our congregation.

+ HYMN 539 - "We Will Go Out with Joy"

+ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+ BENEDICTION RESPONSE - Hymn 542, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" *(verses 1 and 4)*

1 God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

4 God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE - *Toccata*, Henri Mushel (1909-1989)

Please join us in the West Parlor after worship for punch and fellowship.

JOYS & CONCERNS
Leo LoNigro, Greg Harper, Ruth Rowles, Harry Johnson's brother Paul and his caregiver, Kate.

Congratulations to Preston Goulson and Maggie Roth who were married last weekend in Colorado. Preston is the son of Dan and Nancy Goulson

We extend our condolences to Douglas & Linda Ensminger on the death of Douglas' sister Peggy

PARTICIPANTS
WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Matt Falco, Hallie Gay Bagley, Dr. Ted Gentry, and the Chancel Choir
USHERS: Jeff Ehlert (Head Usher), Cynthia Bruno, Zane Kercsmar, & Katherine Bullock
ACOLYTE: AJ Schwake
VIDEO AND SOUND CREW: Rich Copley, Jim Lumpp, Bill Smith, Jay Vessels, Jonah Falco, Hannah Allen

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Georgia & Ron Bacquet in celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary.
Punch is graciously provided by Pam & Joe Bodlt in celebration of Joe's birthday.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for November 8, 2026
First Reading and Psalm: Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25, and Psalm 78.1-7
Alternate First Reading and Psalm:
Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16 or Amos 5.18-24, Wisdom of Solomon 6.17-20 or Psalm 70
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

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 make an offering online and more. You can scan the QR code to the right to access the app.
• Please be aware that today's service is being live-streamed and recorded. Portions of the service, may be shared online. By attending, you acknowledge that your image and/or voice may appear in these recordings.
• LARGE PRINT BIBLES, BULLETINS, and HYMNS 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 and basement levels. Baby changing stations are in the basement restrooms or nursery.

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Scan this code with your smartphone or device

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
Children (grades K-5th) 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 8 - Dedication Sunday
9:30am - Adult Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
10:45am - Children's Sunday School
11:30am - Children's Choir
11:30am - Youth Group

Tuesday, November 10
5:00pm - Christian Formation
7:00pm - Mission Committee

Wednesday, November 11
10:30am - Kerygma
6:30pm - Chancel Choir
7:00pm - UKirk Campus Group

Thursday, November 12
5:30pm - Thursday Night Meal

Saturday, November 14
12:00pm - Stitchmates

Sunday, November 15
9:30am - Adult Sunday School
9:30am - Third Space Sunday
10:30am - Worship
10:45am - Children's Sunday School
11:30am - Children's Choir
11:30am - Youth Group
11:30am - Pie Day

PIE DAY

Sunday, November 15th
Bring a pie, brownies, a cake, muffins, or your favorite bake! All treats will be $15 and proceeds go to support the 2026 Youth Group Mission Trip to Guatemala.

THANKSGIVING DINNER & ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 22
MSPC holds an annual meeting to elect ruling elders and deacons and to approve proposed changes to the pastor's terms of call. The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held following the Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. We'll also anounce this year's Endowment Grant recipients. Please RSVP and sign up to bring a dish at the QRC or email Hannah (hannah@maxpres.org). Main dishes will be provided,side dishes and desserts are welcome. Please label ingredients for allergens.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 22 after meeting
We encourage anyone who wants to help to stay after the Annual Meeting to participate in this time–honored tradition of decorating the church in preparation for the Advent Season.

MISSION

November Random Act of Kindness
This month, we will be collecting shelf stable, non-perishable food items for our neighbors at CRCKY (Community Response Coalition of Kentucky). Items requested for donation include, flour, sugar, salt, spices, rice, pasta, canned fruit or vegetables, boxed meals, cereals, or shelf-stable milk products. Keep in mind that the holidays are coming up, so seasonal items like stuffing mix or gravy packets would be appreciated. All items can be brought to the Church Office during office hours.

STEWARDSHIP 2027

Enter Into The Joy
Dedication Sunday, TODAY November 8th
Our annual Stewardship Campaign is an invitation to consider how you will use what God has equipped you with to serve your faith community and God's world. Throughout Scripture, God uses seemingly small offerings to accomplish more than anyone imagined: a widow's jar of oil, five loaves and two fish, a mustard seed, and the gifts entrusted to the servants in Jesus' parable.

Small gifts, faithfully offered, become part of something greater. As we share what God has entrusted to us, we enter more fully into the joy of God's work. There are many ways to pedge your financial committment to Maxwell Street. Learn more by visiting www.maxpres.org/stewardship or by scanning the QRC to the right.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

July 10-17, 2027
Porch de Salomon has hosted short-term mission teams in Guatemala since 2006, and in recent yesrs, over 20 trips per year! Most teams primarily focus on building small concrete block homes for impoverished indigenous families. No previous building experience is required to be part of our mission team! Teams also help staff free village medical or dental clinics, and work alongside Porch locals to host fun, flexible, afternoon Bible schools in the villages we are visiting. The cost to join this trip is $500 for youth. A $100 deposit is due by **December 31st** and the remaining amount is due by April 30th. Please contact Rob with any questions (rob@maxpres.org). You can register by scanning the QRC to the right.