



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Today's bulletin art is a painting by artist, Christi Belcourt, "The Wisdom of the Universe", 2014. A member of the Métis Nation, her work often resembles the intricacies of the beadwork of her ancestors and community.

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!

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 - *Thank You God*, Austin C. Lovelace
MSPC Children's Choir, Jay McNamee, conductor, Robin Morrill, accompanist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

Let us shout out in praise! God does great things for us.

See God's amazing works all around us. Great is the Lord!

Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

Let us worship the Lord!

+ **HYMN 301** - "Let Us Build a House"

+ CONFESSION & PARDON

Merciful God, you have created each of us in your image and entrusted us with the responsibility of caring for one another, especially those who are most vulnerable. Yet we confess that we have not always lived up to this calling. We have been too busy to listen to children's voices, too distracted to recognize their needs, and too willing to accept a world in which some children have opportunities that others are denied. Forgive us, God, when we fail to recognize that children have something to teach us about your kingdom. Renew in us the faith to create communities in which every child is welcomed, protected, and loved. 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

Lord, as we come to hear your Word for us, still in us all that distracts us. Open our ears to hear your Word for us, read and proclaimed. And open our hearts to be transformed to be your people, to love and serve with faithful obedience. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 99 OT pg 552 (NRSVUE)

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

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 - *Saints Bound for Heaven*, Howard Helvey, Chancel Choir, Loren Tice, piano

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 22.15-22 NT pg 24 (NRSVUE)

SERMON - "Responsibility for the Imago Dei" - Bailey Liebhart

+ STATEMENT OF FAITH - (PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith, Lines 7-26)

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

+ HYMN 760 - "Bring Many Names"

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

OFFERING

- MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

- INVITATION

- OFFERTORY - *It is Well with My Soul*, Susan Carey and Dr. Ted Gentry

- + • 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 769 - "For Everyone Born"

+ 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 - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, Michael Bedford

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

JOYS & CONCERNS

Leo LoNigro, Greg Harper, Harry Johnson's brother; Susan Carey's husband; Douglas Ensminger's sister, Peggy; Lauren Falco and her family as they mourn the passing of her mother, Barb.

PARTICIPANTS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Bailey Liebhart, Jude Burneyy, Blake Tremoulis, Dr. Ted Gentry, and the Chancel Choir

USHERS: Katie Whaley (Head Usher), Anna Wethington, Lauren Feltner, Elizabeth Tremoulis

ACOLYTE: Clara Cooper

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

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Harry & Rowena Johnson.

Punch is graciously provided by Harry & Rowena Johnson.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for October 18, 2026

First Reading and Psalm: Exodus 33.12-23 and Psalm 99

Alternate First Reading and Psalm: Isaiah 45.1-7 and Psalm 96.1-9, 10-13

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22.15-22

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, October 18 - Children's Sabbath

9:15am - Welcome Committee
9:30am - Third Space Sunday
9:30am - Adult Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
10:45am - Children's Sunday School
11:30am - Children's Choir
11:30am - GeNext
11:30am - Youth Group

Monday, October 19

5:30pm - Worship Committee

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 22

5:30pm - Thursday Night Meal

Sunday, October 25

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

ALL SAINTS DAY

On November 1, we will remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us. If there is someone who has died during the past year who you would like to remember, please contact the church office and provide their name by Sunday, October 25th.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

November 6-7 (Youth will stay through Nov. 8th)

Joy is not always something we can manufacture, and it is not the same thing as happiness. Sometimes joy surprises us. Sometimes it grows slowly through faithfulness, generosity, community, and the discovery that our lives are connected to something larger than ourselves.

Our time together on this retreat will be an opportunity to slow down, pay attention, and reflect on where joy is present in our lives and in the life we share as a church. Come ready to rest, reflect, talk, listen, laugh, and enjoy one another's company. If you have any questions, please contact Matt (matt@maxpres.org). Register for the Retreat via the QRC to the left.



MISSION

Long John Sunday

Sunday, October 25

We always need Long Johns for our Social Work office sooner rather than later. We hope you'll bring Long Johns to donate on October 25th for our Long Johns Sunday, but if you have some to donate sooner, we'd be happy to take them. They are distributed by Ashlee in our Social Work Office and on Thursday nights during the meals.

October Random Act of Kindness

Please check out the RMH wishlist to replenish staples in their pantry for our October Random Act of Kindness. Items can be dropped off in the church office (please mark RAK) or ordered on their Amazon Wish List and they will be shipped directly to RMH. You can find their Wishlist at the QRC to the right. The RMHC Pantry is used by parents and families staying at the house. They can grab food or snacks for themselves at any time.



Ronald McDonald House Dinner

Volunteer Opportunity

Friday, October 23rd, from 5-8pm

Ronald McDonald House is a place for families to stay free of charge who have a child currently hospitalized at UK Children's Hospital. RMH provides these families with private rooms, meals, snacks and laundry facilities. The Mission Committee has signed on to help prep, cook and serve dinner on Friday, October 23rd. You will prepare a meal for 50 guests and package leftovers for families who may be at the hospital during the mealtime. For info, contact Pam Boldt (859-619-7737).

STEWARDSHIP 2027

Enter Into The Joy

Dedication Sunday, 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 pledge your financial commitment to Maxwell Street. Learn more by visiting www.maxpres.org/stewardship or by scanning the QRC to the right.

