

Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob's number 515-460-8895; Carol's number 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday.
- **December 3 following worship**: Ad Council Meeting.
- **Disaffiliation Tidbit**: As of November 20, 2023, 7,286 US churches have disaffiliated.

Daily Devotional: The December/January/February 2023-2024 daily devotional "***Our Daily Bread***" is available on the sanctuary table and on the podium outside the pastor's office.



New Beginnings - Old Traditions

We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If you believe, come join us Sunday @ 10:00 am.

Faith Statement by Linden Caple, April 23, 2023

November 26, 2023
Celebrating the 1st Sunday of Advent

Hope



**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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**Maxwell Methodist Church
November 26, 2023 @ 10 a.m.
Celebrating the 1st Sunday of Advent
Pastors: Robert and Carol Bacon
Pianist Deb Mitchell
*Please stand if able**

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome/ Announcements

Greeting

Praise Team

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Candle of Hope. Rich and Beth Wehrman

***Hymn. . . .“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”. . . Hymnal #196**

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offering

***Doxology: Praise God the source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame;
All glory, honor to God’s name!**

***Offertory Prayer**

Special Music. . . .“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” . . .Rob Bacon

Scripture. Ephesians 2:1-10

Made Alive in Christ

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Message. “Traditions of Hope” Rob Bacon

***Hymn “My Hope Is Built” Hymnal #368**

***Benediction**

Postlude